IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

BCG, INC. and

v.

CHESAPEAKE PRODUCTS & SERVICES,

C.A. No. 07-cv-207 (GMS)

Plaintiffs,

v. : TRIAL BY JURY

OF TWELVE DEMANDED

GLES, INC. d/b/a SWEET OIL COMPANY,

NON-ARBITRATION CASE

Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff,

SUNOCO, INC.,

Third-Party Defendant.

THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT'S OPENING BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON COUNT I OF THE AMENDED THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 56

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T. NATURE AND STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

On October 19, 2006, Plaintiffs, BCG, Inc. and Chesapeake Products & Services, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "BCG") sued GLeS, Inc. d/b/a Sweet Oil (hereinafter referred to as "Sweet Oil") in the Court of Common Pleas, Kent County, Delaware for, among other things, breach of a Dealer Agreement dated October 3, 2002 ("Dealer Agreement"), tortious interference with contract, and violations of Delaware Franchise Security Law. BCG owned and operated a Mobil branded retail motor fuel facility located at 9521 Ocean Highway, Delmar, Maryland (hereinafter referred to as the "Delmar Station") and, by the terms of the Dealer Agreement, contracted with Sweet Oil to supply it with Mobil branded motor fuel for resale at the Delmar Station. Sweet Oil purchased Mobil branded motor fuel from Third-Party Defendant Sunoco, Inc. (R&M) (hereinafter referred to as "Sunoco") pursuant to a Mobil Branded Distributor Agreement dated September 18, 2000 ("Distributor Agreement"). The Distributor Agreement also contained a license permitting Sweet Oil to use the Mobil trademarks in connection with the sale of motor fuel at three retail facilities, including the Delmar Station and another retail motor fuel facility not operated by the Plaintiffs located at 5610 Market Street, Snow Hill, Maryland (hereinafter referred to as the "Duck-In Station").

Sweet Oil and Sunoco (by reason of certain and separate assignments) were also parties to two Tosco Distributor Incentive Agreements which entitled Sweet Oil to receive any incentive payments due from Sunoco on and after the assignment from Sweet Oil's predecessor for its purchases of Mobil branded motor fuel for resale to the Delmar and Duck-In Stations. With respect to sales of motor fuel at the Delmar Station, Sweet Oil agreed to pass the incentive payments it received under the Incentive Agreement on to BCG. (Dealer Agreement at ¶ 2(b), attached as Exhibit "4" to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 11).

Sweet Oil answered the Complaint and denied any liability to BCG. However, it joined Sunoco to the cause of action by filing a Third-Party Complaint seeking to interplead the amount of incentive payments due but not paid to BCG under the Dealer Agreement, for a declaration of the parties' rights and liabilities with respect to the Delmar Station, and for indemnity. Sunoco filed an answer to the Third-Party Complaint denying any liability to Sweet Oil.

On March 1, 2007, BCG filed an Amended Complaint stating a claim against Sweet Oil for violation of the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2801, et seq. ("PMPA"). Thereupon, Sweet Oil removed the case to federal court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1444 (2006).

Following removal, Sweet Oil amended the Third-Party Complaint to include additional allegations concerning the Duck-In Station and substituting a conversion claim for its interpleader claim. (Am. Compl., D.I. 23). Sweet Oil voluntarily dismissed its indemnification claim after Sunoco filed a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss. (Mot. to Dismiss, D.I. 25 & Stipulation, D.I. 27). Sunoco filed an answer to the Amended Third-Party Complaint again denying any liability to Sweet Oil on the remaining declaratory judgment and conversion claims. (Answer, D.I. 30). Discovery has concluded and Sweet Oil's declaratory judgment claim is ripe for summary adjudication.

By its motion for summary judgment, Sunoco respectfully requests this Court to declare that the non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the Delmar and Duck-In Stations entitled Sunoco to liquidated damages under the respective Incentive Agreements.

II. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

1. The Incentive Agreements obligate Sweet Oil to reimburse Sunoco 100% of the incentive payments it received if the Distributor Agreement between them should non-renew or terminate or if the Delmar or Duck-In Stations should debrand within the first 5 years of the Incentive Agreements' effective dates. The non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the Delmar and Duck-In Stations within five years of the Incentive Agreements' effective date triggered Sweet Oil's obligation to pay Sunoco liquidated damages, thus, entitling Sunoco to judgment as a matter of law on Sweet Oil's declaratory judgment claim. Since the material facts are undisputed, Sunoco respectfully requests this Court to declare that Sunoco is entitled to liquidated damages from Sweet Oil.

III. STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

A. Agreements Between Sunoco and Sweet Oil.

On April 28, 2004, Conoco Phillips assigned all of its right, title, and interest under a Mobil Branded Distributor Agreement (the "Distributor Agreement") and two Tosco Distributor Incentive Program Agreements ("Incentive Agreements") it had with Peninsula Oil Company ("Peninsula") to Sunoco. (Distributor Agreement, Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002, and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, attached as Exhibits "1," "2," and "3" to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶¶ 3, 6, 8). Under the terms of the Incentive Agreements, Sunoco paid Peninsula an incentive payment for each gallon of motor fuel Peninsula sold to the Delmar and Duck-In Stations. (Am. Comp., D.I. 23 at ¶ 10; Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶¶ 6, 8). Importantly, for purposes of this motion, the Incentive Agreements provide, in pertinent part, as follows:

Distributor recognizes that it would be difficult to quantify [Sunoco]'s economic losses if Distributor's franchise relationship terminated or non-renewed or the retail facility debranded. Thus, Distributor agrees that if Distributor's contract is terminated/non-renewed, or the retail facility is debranded within ten (10) years after the first month Distributor reports volume for incentive payment purposes, Distributor will pay to [Sunoco] liquidated damages, to compensate for such losses. . . . (Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at \P 6, 8).

Peninsula was obligated to pay back the incentive payments to Sunoco on a fixed amortization schedule if the Distributor Agreement was terminated or non-renewed, if the Delmar Station was debranded prior to July 31, 2012, or if the Duck-In Station was debranded prior to March 31, 2011. (Am. Compl., D.I. 23 at ¶ 11; Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at $\P 6, 8$).

On August 31, 2005, Sweet Oil purchased, among other things, Peninsula's right, title, and interest in the Distributor Agreement and the Incentive Agreements through an Assignment and Assumption Agreement ("Assignment Agreement"). (Assignment and Assumption Agreement at ¶ 2, attached as Exhibit "6" to the Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 16). Sweet Oil signed the Assignment Agreement with full knowledge that the Delmar and Duck-In Stations were subject to the Incentive Agreements and that the full amortization dates for the incentive payments were July 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011, respectively. (Id. at ¶ 7). Importantly, Sweet Oil knew the Distributor Agreement would expire on September 30, 2005 and would not be renewed under the Mobil trademark. (Id. at ¶ 2). Instead, Sweet Oil agreed that the Delmar and Duck-In Stations, among others, would be "promptly" rebranded Sunoco. (Id. at $\P 3$).

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B. Non-Renewal of the Distributor Agreement and Debranding of the Stations.

Despite their stated intentions in the Assignment Agreement, the Distributor Agreement was not non-renewed at the end of September, 2005. Rather, in order to allow for an orderly transition from the Mobil to the Sunoco brand, Sunoco and Sweet Oil extended the Distributor Agreement on a month by month basis. (Am. Comp., D.I. 23 at ¶ 6). From September 2005 until late in 2006, Sweet Oil made frequent and repeated efforts to rebrand the Delmar Station to Sunoco. Sunoco assisted Sweet Oil in this effort by offering to waive its right to demand liquidated damages under the Incentive Agreements if the Delmar Station would rebrand Sunoco. (March 26, 2008 deposition of Mark Greco ("Greco Deposition"), 224:11-225:12, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). Sunoco also offered to pay for all brand conversion expenses and an additional incentive payment if BCG would sign a new Dealer Agreement with Sweet Oil under the Sunoco brand. BCG refused to rebrand the Delmar Station to Sunoco.

On November 2, 2006, Sunoco informed Sweet Oil that the Distributor Agreement would be terminated and non-renewed as of February 2, 2007 due to the fact that Sunoco's license to use the Mobil trademarks would expire at the end of February, 2007. (Letter dated Nov. 2, 2006, attached as Exhibit "9" to the Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 25). On February 2, 2007, Sweet Oil debranded the Delmar and Duck-In Stations as Mobil stations by removing all indicia of the Mobil trademarks. (Greco Dep., 247:4-14, Ex. A; Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 33). Thereafter, these stations sold unbranded motor fuel to the motoring public.

¹ Both the Distributor Agreement and Dealer Agreement allowed Sunoco and Sweet Oil, respectively, to change the brand of motor fuel they supplied. (Distributor Agreement at ¶6(B) & ¶11(C), and Dealer Agreement at ¶8, Ex. 1 & 4 to the Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 3, 11). Thus, Sunoco could supply the Delmar Station, through Sweet Oil, with Sunoco branded motor fuel until the Dealer Agreement expired in 2012. Sunoco preferred that BCG sign a new Dealer Agreement with Sweet Oil pursuant to which it expressly agreed to purchase and resell Sunoco branded motor fuel to the motoring public.

Upon the non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the stations, Sunoco became entitled to a return of the incentive payments as liquidated damages pursuant to the express terms of the Incentive Agreements.

IV. **ARGUMENT**

The non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the Delmar and Duck-In Stations entitles Sunoco to liquidated damages based on a plain reading of the Incentive Agreements. The Distributor Agreement was terminated and non-renewed as of February 2, 2007 and the Delmar and Duck-In Stations were debranded prior to the full amortization date of the incentive fees. These material facts are not in dispute. The occurrence of each of these events obligated Sweet Oil to pay liquidated damages to Sunoco, therefore, entitling Sunoco to judgment as a matter of law on Sweet Oil's declaratory relief claim.

A. **Legal Standard**

Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that summary judgment "shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); see also Boyle v. County of Allegheny, Pa., 139 F.3d 386, 392 (3d Cir. 1998). Summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party shows that there are no genuine issues of material fact that would permit a reasonable jury to find for the non-moving party. Boyle, 139 F.3d at 392.

In deciding a motion for summary judgment, the court must construe all facts and inferences in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party. Assaf v. Fields, 178 F.3d 170, 173-74 (3d Cir. 1999). However, the party opposing a properly supported motion for summary

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judgment may not rest upon the mere allegations of his pleading, but must set forth specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). The mere existence of some alleged factual dispute between the parties will not defeat an otherwise properly supported motion for summary judgment. Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 247-48 (1986). There must be "sufficient evidence favoring the nonmoving party for a jury to return a verdict for that party. If the evidence is merely colorable, or is not significantly probative, summary judgment may be granted." Anderson, 477 U.S. at 249-50 (internal citations omitted).

B. Sunoco is Entitled to Summary Judgment on the Declaratory Judgment Claim Because the Incentive Agreements Obligate Sweet Oil to Pay Sunoco **Liquidated Damages**

The Declaratory Judgment Act permits this Court to declare the rights and duties of the parties with respect to contractual disputes. 28 U.S.C. § 2201 (2006); See Johnson v. Geico Cas. Co., 516 F. Supp. 2d 351, 357 (D. Del. 2007). This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the PMPA. See N.I. Petroleum Ventures Corp. v. GLeS, Inc., 333 F. Supp. 2d 251, 253 (D. Del. 2004).

Sunoco is entitled to summary judgment because the non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the Delmar and Duck-In Stations obligated Sweet Oil to pay liquidated damages to Sunoco. A termination and/or non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement or a debranding of the stations entitles Sunoco to liquidated damages pursuant to the plain language of the Incentive Agreements. The Distributor Agreement was terminated and non-renewed and the facilities were debranded on February 2, 2007. These events triggered Sweet Oil's contractual obligation to pay Sunoco liquidated damages under the Incentive Agreements.

The Incentive Agreements Are Clear and Unambiguous. a.

Contract interpretation is a question of law for the court to decide. O'Brien v. Progressive N. Ins. Co., 785 A.2d 281, 286 (Del. 2001). Under Delaware law, contract provisions are only considered ambiguous when the terms are "reasonably or fairly susceptible of different interpretations or may have two or more different meanings." E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. Allstate Ins. Co., 693 A.2d 1059, 1061 (Del. 1997).

Here, the contractual provisions are not only clear on their face, but there is no factual dispute between the parties regarding the provision that triggered Sweet Oil's obligations to repay the incentive payments. The Incentive Agreements specifically provide that if the Distributor Agreement is "terminated/non-renewed, or the retail facility is debranded within ten (10) years," Sweet Oil will reimburse Sunoco for all incentive payments paid for the Delmar and Duck-In stations as liquidated damages. (Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶¶ 6, 8). The amount of the liquidated damages depends on the length of time the Incentive Agreement was in effect and a schedule in the Incentive Agreements allows the parties to easily calculate the amount due. (*Id.*)

The terms contained in the pertinent section of the Incentive Agreements are plain and clear. A termination or non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement is a discontinuance of the contractual relationship between the parties. Debranding is a term of art used in the motor fuel industry and simply means to remove or cover all indicia of a trademark associated with a particular brand of motor fuel at a retail motor fuel facility. (Greco Dep., 235:15-22, Ex. A). In this case, the term meant to remove or cover any and all indicia of the Mobil trademark from the Delmar or Duck-In Stations. Sweet Oil, as an experienced motor fuel distributor, understood that Sunoco was entitled to a return of the incentive moneys if, and when, the Distributor

Agreement terminated or non-renewed or the Delmar and Duck-In Stations no longer sold Mobil branded motor fuel. (*Id.* at 235:3-13).

b. The Non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the Debranding of the Facilities Entitled Sunoco to Liquidated Damages.

The non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement entitled Sunoco to liquidated damages. Sweet Oil does not dispute that the Distributor Agreement was non-renewed on February 2, 2007. Under the plain language of the Incentive Agreements, Sunoco is and was entitled to reimbursement of the incentive payments from Sweet Oil as liquidated damages upon the occurrence of the non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement.

Any debranding of the subject facility, regardless of the reason for the debranding, entitled Sunoco to return of the incentive payments as liquidated damages. (Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 6, 8). Specifically, Sunoco was entitled to liquidated damages if the Delmar Station was debranded prior to July 31, 2012 or the Duck-In Station was debranded prior to March 3, 2011. (Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002, Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, and Dealer Agreement at ¶ 7, Ex. 2, 3, & 4 to the Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 6, 8, 11). In February 2007, Sweet Oil debranded the Delmar and Duck-In Stations, more than four years prior to the full amortization of the incentive payments. Sweet Oil does not dispute these facts. As a result of the debranding, Sunoco was entitled to full reimbursement of all incentive payments made for the two retail facilities as liquidated damages under the Incentive Agreements. (Delmar Incentive Agreement dated Feb. 25, 2002 and Incentive Agreement dated May 2, 2001, Ex. 2 & 3 to Statement of Undisputed Facts, D.I. 38 at ¶ 6, 8).

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Sunoco respectfully requests that this Court grant its motion for summary judgment in Sunoco's favor pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil as there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and Sunoco, Inc. (R&M) is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Sunoco respectfully requests that this Court declare that the non-renewal of the Distributor Agreement and the debranding of the Delmar and Duck-In Stations entitled Sunoco to liquidated damages under the respective Incentive Agreements.

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16	the deponent herein, having first been
17	duly sworn on oath, was examined and
18	testified as follows:
19	BY MR. STORM:
20	Q. Mr. Greco, good morning. Would you state your
21	full name and home address, please.
22	A. It's Mark Greco, 25 Wendy Way, Sewell, New
23	Jersey.
24	Q. How about your business address?

- 1 A. The current today is 4501 Route 42, Suite
- 2 No. 2, Turnersville, New Jersey.
- 3 Q. What business is at that address?
- 4 A. There are several businesses at that address.
- 5 Specifically this -- are you asking about Sweet Oil?
- 6 Q. What business are you engaged in at that
- 7 address, at the 4501 Route 42 address?
- 8 A. I own several different businesses.
- 9 O. What are those?
- 10 A. GLeS, Incorporated; Primo Properties, LLC; MLG
- 11 Realty, LLC; and For Sale Realty, LLC.
- 12 Q. What does Primo Properties do?
- 13 A. Primo Properties is a land holding company and
- 14 property management company.
- 15 Q. Is it affiliated in some way with GLeS?
- 16 A. Yes. Primo Properties owns many properties
- 17 that were leased to GLeS during its operation as Sweet
- 18 Oil.
- 19 Q. And does Primo Properties still own any
- 20 operating service stations?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Are those stations operated or affiliated at
- 23 this time with GLeS?
- 24 A. No.

- 1 Q. Was there some transaction within the last
- 2 couple of years where that changed?
- 3 A. Yes. At one point Primo Properties leased gas
- 4 stations to GLeS, and on March 7th of last year, GLeS
- 5 sold its operational business to another company.
- 6 Q. What company was that?
- 7 A. GPM Investments, LLC.
- 8 Q. Did GPM step into GLeS's shoes with respect to
- 9 those Primo Properties' locations?
- 10 A. The relationship between Primo and GLeS was
- 11 terminated by mutual termination, and then Primo
- 12 negotiated a new ground lease with GPM.
- 13 Q. But those sites that Primo controlled and that
- 14 were formerly leased to GLeS as gas stations are still
- 15 operating as gas stations, only through GPM at this
- 16 time?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Who owns Primo Properties?
- 19 A. Ben LeRoy, William Sweet, and myself.
- 20 Q. I take it it has a separate corporate
- 21 existence or organizational existence from GLeS?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Is that a Delaware entity, do you know?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Is GLeS still in business at this time?
- Α. Yes.
- 3 What does it do at this time? Q.
- GLeS owns two properties which it leases to
- 5 GPM Investments.
- 6 It is no longer involved in the supplying of
- motor fuel? 7
- 8 Α. No.
- 9 Ο. The two properties that it owns, that it
- 10 leases to GPM, where are those located?
- A. In New Castle County, Delaware. 11
- 12 Q. The transaction that occurred in March, I
- 13 guess, 2007 between GLeS and GPM, was that an asset
- 14 sale?
- A. It was a sale of business assets, equipment 15
- 16 and supply contracts.
- 17 Either of the locations that are involved in
- 18 this litigation, the Laurel Oasis location or the
- Delmar location, was there anything in the GPM 19
- 20 transaction with GLeS related to those two sites?
- 21 Originally they were going to be included in
- 22 the sale, but they were excluded because of the breach
- of agreements. 23
- 24 Q. So the transaction that ultimately occurred

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- 1 between GPM and GLeS did not include anything with
- 2 respect to the Laurel Oasis or Delmar locations?
- 3 A. No, it did not.
- Q. Was there any adjustment to the purchase price
- 5 between GPM and GLeS as a result of those two locations
- 6 not being part of a package that was sold?
- 7 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection to foundation
- 8 on that. There's no indication, it was part of it
- 9 originally as part of the price. To say there's an
- 10 adjustment, I think is perhaps --
- 11 MR. STORM: Maybe I can lay a better
- 12 foundation. I thought I understood him to say that
- 13 originally they had been part of the package and then
- 14 they were later excluded.
- 15 THE WITNESS: It was our intention to
- 16 sell all of the supply agreements, but due to the
- 17 breach on the two agreements, we were forced to exclude
- 18 them from negotiation.
- 19 BY MR. STORM:
- 20 Q. And was there any adjustment made on the price
- 21 as a result of those locations being excluded?
- 22 A. No. They were excluded prior to coming up
- 23 with price.
- 24 MR. STORM: I think, and we can go back

- 1 and check, but I think that we had in the document
- 2 request requested documents with respect to that
- 3 transaction, and I don't believe that there was
- 4 anything produced in connection with that. I think
- 5 that those documents are relevant. Not all of the
- 6 documents, obviously, but certainly any of the original
- 7 drafts of the documents and the ultimate purchase
- 8 documents as related to these locations I think are
- 9 relevant.
- 10 So we can talk some more on a break about
- 11 that, but I think that insofar certainly as the price,
- 12 there may have been adjustment in the price from the
- 13 initial price that was agreed upon and the ultimate
- 14 price, I think it certainly is relevant to the question
- 15 of the damages here.
- MR. HUTCHISON: We can talk about that.
- 17 MR. STORM: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. STORM:
- 19 Q. Mr. Greco, let me direct your attention to
- 20 Exhibit 1 that's in front of you there, which is the
- 21 deposition notice, the original deposition notice,
- 22 which I don't think was formally amended. But I just
- 23 want to establish on the record that you are here on
- 24 behalf of GLeS, Inc., doing business as Sweet Oil

- 1 Company, to testify about the seven categories of items
- 2 that are set forth in the notice?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you believe to be knowledgeable about all
- 5 of those areas; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. I'd like to ask you a little bit, try to
- 8 understand some of the background about GLeS. Can you
- 9 tell me when it was formed?
- 10 A. April of 1997.
- 11 Q. And were you and Mr. Sweet and Mr. LeRoy all
- 12 founders, if you will, of the organization?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. At the time that GLeS was formed, were you
- 15 already in the motor fuels business at that time?
- 16 A. Yes, each of us were.
- 17 Q. Together in some way or separately?
- 18 A. Separately.
- 19 Q. Tell me what everybody was doing generally.
- 20 A. Both Bill and Ben were long-time gasoline
- 21 retailers. I was, more recently had become a gasoline
- 22 retailer. Previous to that, I was actually working for
- 23 Texaco as a sales representative, franchise consultant.
- 24 Q. And how many retail sites did you operate at

- 1 that time in '97?
- 2 A. I think in '97 I only had one. Either one or
- 3 two. I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. Of the locations that the three of you
- 5 operated in some way, were any of those sites locations
- 6 where the individuals or their entities controlled the
- 7 real estate?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. As opposed to being a lessee dealer of an oil
- 10 company?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So you had one site, and how many sites did
- 13 Mr. LeRoy operate, do you know?
- 14 A. At the time we formed the company?
- 15 Q. Right.
- 16 A. I don't know. It was either one or two. I
- 17 couldn't tell you exactly.
- 18 Q. And then Mr. Sweet operated some sites too?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. How many did he operate, do you know?
- 21 A. I think it was two, but I'm not sure.
- Q. At the time that the three of you came
- 23 together, what was the objective in bringing the three
- 24 together, what was GLeS going to do?

- 1 A. Initially we were going to build and/or buy a
- 2 service station collectively together and be supplied
- 3 by an oil company. And later it evolved into an
- 4 opportunity for us to supply ourselves.
- 5 Q. And ultimately then you became a jobber or a
- 6 distributor of some kind?
- 7 A. Yes, through Amoco.
- 8 Q. When was that, do you remember?
- 9 A. It was early '97. I couldn't tell you exactly
- 10 when.
- 11 Q. Mr. LeRoy or Mr. Sweet, had their background
- 12 been with an oil company like yours with Texaco?
- 13 A. Only as dealers.
- 14 Q. So GLeS becomes an Amoco distributor at some
- 15 point?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I'm sorry, what year was that?
- 18 A. 1997.
- 19 Q. Did you then also undertake to obtain other
- 20 supply accounts?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. How many supply accounts ultimately with Amoco
- 23 do you think you acquired?
- 24 A. In 1997?

- 1 Q. Well, from the time that you started in '97
- 2 until the time that you sold to GPM, sort of take me
- 3 through the history of the company, what happens with
- 4 it?
- 5 We continually went out and negotiated supply Α.
- 6 agreements with independent dealers who owned their own
- 7 properties, as well as acquiring locations or leasing
- 8 locations and continuing to grow our distribution
- 9 business.
- 10 GLeS -- I'm trying to think -- maybe can
- you tell me exactly what you're trying to get? 11
- 12 Q. So you went out and you obtained supply
- 13 agreements with dealers who controlled their real
- 14 estate; right?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Did you continue to acquire locations through Q.
- 17 GLeS yourself where you acquired the interest in the
- 18 real estate?
- 19 GLeS only owned a couple of locations. We
- 20 formed a real estate company, which was designed to be
- a real estate holding company. GLeS wasn't intended to 21
- 22 purchase the real estate.
- 23 Was that Primo? Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Ο. And how many sites did Primo acquire that GLeS
- 2 ultimately supplied?
- 3 Α. Off the top of my head, I couldn't tell you.
- Q. More than ten?
- 5 Yes, more than ten. A.
- 6 Q. More than 20?
- 7 Somewhere in the 20's, I would say. I
- couldn't tell you exactly without looking. 8
- 9 By the time we get to 2007 when you do the
- transaction with GPM, there would have been locations 10
- where GLeS and/or Primo controlled the real estate; 11
- right? 12
- 13 A. Yes.
- And then there would have been locations where 14
- 15 GLeS was supplying motor fuel to others who controlled
- 16 the real estate; right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 How many locations were there at that time of Q.
- 19 each of those categories?
- 20 Off the top of my head, I couldn't tell you a
- 21 breakdown.
- 22 Q. Give me just an approximate number.
- We had ground leases, we had some fee sites, 23 A.
- 24 we had some supply sites. I couldn't tell you a

- l breakdown off the top of my head.
- 2 Q. Of the sites that were transferred to GPM, you
- 3 have no idea how many locations were involved in the
- 4 transaction?
- 5 A. I believe only one gas station was transferred
- 6 to them, the real estate. The rest were supply
- 7 agreements and leases.
- 8 Q. How many was that, more than 50?
- 9 A. All combined?
- 10 Q. Yes.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. More than 75?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. So somewhere between 50 and 75 sites that were
- 15 supplied by Sweet Oil?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you recall in 2007 what kind of volume
- 18 Sweet Oil was doing on an annual basis?
- 19 A. Approximately 55 million gallons.
- 20 Q. Let's go back. You mentioned that you became
- 21 a distributor for Amoco?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. I assume, then, that that ultimately became
- 24 the BP brand when BP acquired Amoco; is that right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did GLeS become a distributor for any other
- 3 oil companies?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Which ones?
- 6 A. With Coastal Refining & Marketing. With
- 7 Sunoco. With ExxonMobil. With CITGO. And I believe
- 8 that was it.
- 9 I'm sorry, excuse me, in addition Tosco.
- 10 Q. Was the ExxonMobil distributorship separate
- 11 and apart from that with Tosco?
- 12 A. Yes. We supplied Exxon through ExxonMobil.
- 13 At the time we supplied Tosco, it was the BP brand
- 14 before BP did their purchase of Amoco.
- 15 Q. So, in other words, you were a BP distributor
- 16 before BP acquired Amoco?
- 17 A. Yes, we were BP through Tosco, and Amoco
- 18 through Amoco.
- 19 Q. I got that straight. Is everybody clear on
- 20 that?
- 21 What jurisdictions did you do business
- 22 in?
- 23 A. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland
- 24 and Virginia.

- 1 Q. Was there one jurisdiction that you
- 2 concentrated on more than others of those?
- 3 A. Initially it was Delaware, because that's
- 4 where our office was, our base was, but we grew out
- 5 from there.
- 6 Q. Did anyone else ever, aside from the
- 7 transaction that you ultimately did with GPM, other
- 8 than you, Mr. Sweet, and Mr. LeRoy, did anybody else
- 9 have an ownership interest in GLeS?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Ultimately -- not ultimately -- in 2005, I
- 12 believe you did, GLeS did a transaction with Peninsula
- 13 Oil, isn't that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Prior to that, had you acquired the interests
- of any other distributor or oil company?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Which ones?
- 19 A. In October of 2003, we acquired other assets
- 20 of Peninsula Oil. In December of 2000, we acquired
- 21 assets of Amoco. And also in December of 2000, we
- 22 acquired assets of Shellhorn & Hill.
- Q. I'm sorry, Shell what?
- 24 A. Shellhorn & Hill.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 Tell me the nature of the assets that you
- 3 acquired from Peninsula in 2003, what was that?
- 4 A. Primo Properties acquired 14 Uncle Willie's
- 5 branded locations and then leased them to GLeS.
- 6 Q. Had Peninsula operated Uncle Willie's itself?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did GLeS operate those sites for any period of
- 9 time?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. So GLeS sold the businesses there and retained
- 12 the real estate and had a lease arrangement with an
- 13 operator?
- 14 A. GLeS never owned the real estate. Primo owned
- 15 it.
- 16 Q. And then GLeS supplied whoever it was who
- 17 became the operators of those sites?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How about the transaction with Amoco in 2000,
- 20 what was the nature of that?
- 21 A. Amoco co-existed with us in this market. We
- 22 were supplying dealers and they were supplying dealers
- 23 and they made a corporate decision that they weren't
- 24 going to continue to serve directly, and we purchased

- 1 their assets, along with assignment of the existing
- dealer leases.
- 3 Q. So the portion of the territory that had been
- both direct supplied and distributor supplied now
- 5 became wholly distributor supplied?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- And then you said in December of 2000 you also 7
- 8 did a transaction with Shellhorn & Hill?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 Q. What was that?
- Primo Properties purchased eight pieces of 11 Α.
- real estate and then leased them to GLeS. 12
- 13 In connection with the 2005 transaction with Q.
- 14 Peninsula, was there any one person in particular at
- Peninsula that you dealt with? 15
- 16 Α. Yes. John Willie.
- 17 Was Mr. Willie the president of the company? Q.
- 18 Α. Yes.
- Did Peninsula continue doing business in some 19
- 20 fashion after the 2005 transaction?
- 21 They continued to operate, but they were no
- 22 longer in the gasoline business.
- 23 They were still involved in heating oil or Q.
- 24 some other type of business like that?

- 1 A. Yeah, other businesses.
- 2 Q. Now, you mentioned earlier on that I think you
- 3 also were engaged in business with MLG Realty and I
- 4 think another realty company.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What are those?
- 7 A. They are businesses that I wholly own outside
- 8 of the Primo and GLeS companies. I own commercial real
- 9 estate and do property management.
- 10 Q. Just so I am clear, at this time GLeS does not
- 11 supply motor fuel to anybody?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. I think I saw somewhere in the documents that
- 14 there was a reference to a mutual cancellation that you
- 15 entered into with Sunoco at some point in time, I think
- 16 in 2006 or 2007.
- 17 Do you recall that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What was that?
- 20 A. After GLeS's sale and assignment of the
- 21 balance of our supply agreements to GPM, we terminated
- 22 our relationships with each of our suppliers.
- Q. The agreement that you had with Sunoco, was
- 24 that an agreement that was separate from the Tosco

- 1 agreement that had been assigned to Sunoco?
- 2 Α. I'm not sure if I understand the question.
- 3 Q. When you -- and when I say you, when GLeS --
- when GLeS acquired the interest of Peninsula in 2005,
- 5 Peninsula at that time had a relationship with Tosco,
- 6 did it not?
- 7 At the time I'm not sure if it was still Tosco
- 8 or if it was Sunoco.
- 9 It had an original agreement with Tosco that
- had been assigned to Sunoco; correct? 10
- 11 Α. Yes.
- Related to the Mobil brand; right? 12 Q.
- 13 A. Yes.
- And you ultimately took an assignment -- you 14
- being GLeS -- took an assignment of Peninsula's 15
- 16 interest in that agreement; right?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 Q. Separate from that relationship that was
- 19 created through you stepping into Peninsula's shoes --
- 20 when I refer to you, I'm talking about GLeS --
- 21 Α. Okay.
- 22 MR. HUTCHISON: We agree.
- 23 MR. STORM: Okay.
- 24 BY MR. STORM:

- 1 Q. Other than the relationship that GLeS stepped
- 2 into through Peninsula and Sunoco stepped into through
- 3 its assignment from Tosco, did GLeS have a separate
- 4 relationship of some kind with Sunoco?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was that pursuant to a separate Sunoco/GLeS
- 7 agreement related to the Sunoco brand?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. When was that agreement entered into, if you
- 10 know?
- 11 A. I'd have to go back and pull the agreement. I
- 12 don't know.
- 13 Q. Prior to the assignment from Peninsula in 2005
- 14 to GLeS, did you ever supply Sunoco branded locations?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How many?
- 17 A. One.
- 18 Q. Where was that?
- 19 A. In Glasgow, Delaware.
- 20 Q. And that was pursuant to that agreement that
- 21 you had with Sunoco?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that a 2003 agreement, do you recall, that
- 24 you had with Sunoco?

- 1 A. I'm not sure of the date. I'd have to pull
- 2 the agreement.
- 3 MR. YOUNG: One point of clarification
- 4 while we are at a break. You refer to the assignment
- 5 between Tosco and Sunoco. I believe it was an
- 6 assignment from ConocoPhillips, which was a successor
- 7 to Tosco.
- 8 MR. HUTCHISON: I think we can agree that
- 9 we don't have to fill in the blanks in the middle.
- 10 MR. STORM: Actually ConocoPhillips was a
- 11 successor to Phillips under that agreement, which was a
- 12 successor to Tosco, but we will save that for later.
- 13 BY MR. STORM:
- 14 Q. Was there any particular person at Sunoco
- 15 during the time period, from the time you signed the
- 16 Sunoco agreement until the time that you got out of
- 17 business in 2007, out of the distribution business in
- 18 2007, were there certain people at Sunoco with whom you
- 19 dealt?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I think I have seen the name Dorothy Love or
- 22 Dolores Love?
- 23 A. Dolores Love.
- Q. And Jeff Byard?

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1 Α. Yes.

- 2 Q. Anybody else at Sunoco you dealt with?
- 3 Α. Karl Beckers.
- Dan Moore.
- 5 And I'm not sure who else.
- 6 Q. Were those people, Miss Love, Mr. Byard,
- Mr. Beckers, and Mr. Moore, were those all people who 7
- 8 were part of the distributor side of Sunoco's business?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 2 in 10 Q.
- front of you there, and ask if you can identify that 11
- 12 exhibit for me?
- 13 This is the assignment of Peninsula's rights
- to GLeS as it related to their, Tosco/Sunoco supply 14
- 15 agreement.
- 16 I am going to ask you a few questions about
- 17 this document, but I want to just go back to ask a
- couple of background questions about GPM for a minute, 18
- the entity that GLeS did the transaction with in 2007. 19
- 20 Was GPM already involved in the motor
- 21 fuel business in this area?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- How many sites did they operate, do you know, 23
- 24 approximately?

- 1 A. I couldn't tell you. Something over 200.
- 2 Q. They did business in what general geographic
- 3 area?
- 4 A. Virginia, Delaware, Maryland. I couldn't tell
- 5 you other states.
- 6 Q. Were they a larger entity than GLeS at the
- 7 time that they acquired the interests of GLeS?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you know approximately how many sites they
- 10 operated or supplied?
- 11 A. Something over 200, but I don't know the exact
- 12 number.
- 13 Q. Total, not just in this area?
- 14 A. Total.
- 15 Q. The document, Exhibit 2, I think you mentioned
- 16 it's the assignment and assumption agreement related to
- 17 the Tosco/ConocoPhillips/Peninsula agreement; right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Was there also an assignment and assumption
- 20 agreement that GLeS entered into with Peninsula as part
- 21 of the Peninsula/GLeS transaction that related to sites
- that were not Mobil-branded locations?
- 23 A. Can you restate the question?
- 24 Q. At the time that GLeS acquired the interests

- 1 of Peninsula in these various locations in 2005, which
- 2 included the two sites that are involved in this
- 3 litigation, only one of the sites involved in the
- 4 litigation was a Mobil-branded site; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And so, for example, the site, the Laurel
- 7 Oasis location, which at the time was branded Texaco,
- 8 that would not have been a location that was covered by
- 9 this assignment, Exhibit 2; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. So my question is, were there other assignment
- 12 documents between GLeS and Peninsula that dealt with
- 13 these other locations that were outside of the Sunoco
- 14 bailiwick?
- 15 A. No, I don't believe we were. We didn't take
- 16 assignment of any other supply agreements.
- 17 Q. Did you take assignment of my client's
- 18 agreement with Peninsula related to Laural Oasis?
- 19 A. Yes, we did.
- Q. How did you do that, pursuant to what
- 21 document?
- 22 A. I believe we had an agreement of sale. It was
- 23 probably addressed in the agreement of sale.
- 24 Q. Was there a closing on that transaction?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Did that happen in a lawyer's office?
- 3 A. I'm sure that it did. I don't remember
- 4 exactly where it was.
- 5 MR. STORM: That's another document I
- 6 mentioned that was not in the documents that were
- 7 produced, that there were no other assignment documents
- 8 relating to the transaction. Certainly not an
- 9 assignment document that would specifically relate to
- 10 Laural Oasis.
- 11 BY MR. STORM:
- 12 Q. The document in front of you as Exhibit 2, you
- 13 were aware, were you not, at the time that you signed
- 14 this document on or about August 31st of 2005 that
- 15 Sunoco's right to the Mobil brand, that Sunoco and
- 16 ConocoPhillips in the agreement between them had
- 17 limited Sunoco's right to use the Mobil brand past some
- 18 period of time?
- 19 MR. YOUNG: Objection to form.
- You can answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I know that there was an
- 22 expiration date. I don't know what it was off the top
- of my head.
- 24 BY MR. STORM:

- 1 Q. You were the -- when I say you, GLeS/Sweet
- Oil -- was the assignee under Exhibit 2; right?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Ο. You agreed in this document with Sunoco in
- 5 paragraph -- well, in this document with Sunoco and
- 6 with Peninsula that the locations that were supplied
- 7 Mobil brand fuel under the expiring agreement will be
- 8 rebranded Sunoco promptly in accordance with a schedule
- 9 to be agreed upon, do you see that in Paragraph 3?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- And you knew at that time that the agreement 11 Ο.
- between Peninsula and ConocoPhillips that had been 12
- 13 assigned to Sunoco was set to expire on September 30th
- 14 of 2005 pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this agreement?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Had you seen that agreement at the time that Ο.
- you signed this assignment document or the time that 17
- 18 GLeS --
- 19 MR. HUTCHISON: Which?
- 20 BY MR. STORM:
- 21 Had you seen the distributor agreement between
- 22 Tosco, ConocoPhillips and Peninsula?
- 23 I don't recall. Α.
- 24 Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 8.

- 1 So my question is, in late August of
- 2 2005, had you seen and reviewed Exhibit 8?
- 3 Α. I don't believe that we did.
- Prior to signing this document, Exhibit 2, had
- 5 you seen the agreement between Peninsula and my clients
- 6 relating to the Delmar Mobil location?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 And had you reviewed that? Q.
- 9 Α. Yes.
- You were aware, then, at the time you signed 10 Q.
- Exhibit 2, or at the time that GLeS signed Exhibit 2, 11
- 12 that any brand change had to be mutually agreed upon?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- The signature on this Exhibit 2 on behalf of 14
- GLeS, is that your signature? 15
- 16 Α. Yes, it is.
- 17 If you go to Paragraph 7 of Exhibit 2, the
- location that's identified as the Duck-In #2 18
- location --19
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 -- was that a Mobil-branded location that you
- 22 began, that Sweet Oil began supplying after it acquired
- 23 the Peninsula assets?
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did the relationship between Sweet Oil and
- 2 Duck-In continue after that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And for how long?
- 5 A. Up until the assignment to GPM.
- 6 Q. Was Duck-In one of the locations that was
- 7 transferred to GPM?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. What was Duck-In branded at that time?
- 10 A. At the time of transfer, I think it was
- 11 unbranded.
- 12 Q. Do you remember how that happened, that it
- 13 went from the Mobil brand to unbranded?
- 14 A. Yes. Once the breach of the Mobil brand -- or
- once the breach occurred at the Delmar location, we no
- 16 longer met the minimum criteria for Sunoco to supply
- 17 under the jobber agreement, and they didn't want us to
- 18 maintain that agreement with just the Duck-In location,
- 19 so we mutually agreed on terminating.
- 20 Q. What supply agreement are you talking about?
- 21 A. Our distributor agreement with Sunoco had
- 22 minimum volume requirements that we had to meet.
- Q. But wasn't that distributor agreement as
- 24 related to the Mobil brand the agreement that Sunoco

- 1 was talking about in this assignment document as ending
- and wouldn't be renewed on September 30th, 2005,
- 3 Paragraph 2?
- 4 A. Yes, at the time that we signed this, it was
- 5 contemplated that this Tosco agreement was due to
- 6 expire at the end of September, and the Mobil gallons
- 7 were going to be rolled into our Sunoco agreement.
- 8 Q. Who envisioned that?
- 9 A. That's the way it was explained to us by
- 10 Sunoco.
- 11 Q. And Sunoco told you that's the way it's going
- 12 to work; correct?
- MR. YOUNG: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 15 BY MR. STORM:
- 16 Q. Who at Sunoco were you dealing with on that?
- 17 A. Dolores Love and Dan Moore, I believe.
- 18 Q. Did you ever say to Sunoco, well, wait a
- 19 minute, this contract that Peninsula has with the
- 20 Glenns requires the Glenns to consent?
- 21 A. Yes, I actually furnished them a copy of the
- 22 agreement.
- Q. And what conversation did you have with Sunoco
- 24 about that?

- 1 Α. To the best of my recollection, I believe that
- 2 they said that it was going to be a required conversion
- 3 because they had purchased the rights to that brand.
- Q. Who at Sunoco told you that?
- 5 Α. I believe it was Dolores, but I'm not 100
- 6 percent certain.
- 7 When do you think that occurred, that
- 8 conversation?
- 9 On or about when we signed the assignment
- 10 agreement.
- 11 In 2005, at the time that GLeS was going to do Q.
- the transaction with Peninsula, did GLeS have an office 12
- somewhere in Delaware? 13
- 14 Α. Yes.
- Where was that? 15 Q.
- 16 On Kirkwood Highway in Newark. Α.
- 17 How many employees did the company have? Q.
- 18 Approximately ten. Α.
- 19 Q. And I take it there was an accounting and
- 20 bookkeeping department?
- 21 Correct. Α.
- 22 And how many employees were in the accounting
- and bookkeeping department? 23
- 24 A. At the time, I believe it was four.

- 1 Q. Did Sweet Oil do any of its own hauling?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. So any hauling of product was done through
- 4 outside haulers; right?
- 5 A. Common carriers, yes.
- 6 Q. Common carriers.
- 7 Can you tell me which ones?
- 8 A. I believe at the time it was exclusively
- 9 Coraluzzo.
- 10 Q. Did Sweet Oil have an annual contract with
- 11 Coraluzzo?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And when that contract came up each year, did
- 14 you put the contract out to bid?
- 15 A. Yes, we did.
- 16 Q. What other freight companies would it have
- 17 been put out to?
- 18 A. Numerous companies.
- 19 Q. Give me some names, if you recall.
- 20 A. Eagle, Penn Tank, Tipton, MIT. Many other
- 21 companies.
- Q. You were trying to, obviously, get the lowest
- 23 freight rate; is that right?
- 24 A. That was one of our objectives.

- 1 Q. What were the other objectives?
- 2 Α. We wanted to get the maximum amount of service
- 3 that we could, 24-hour-a-day/seven-day-a-week
- 4 deliveries.
- 5 One of the criteria was they had to be
- 6 able to deliver through the extent of our network. Not
- all the carriers have the capability of delivering the 7
- entire network, so that was a requirement. 8
- 9 Do you know who was doing Peninsula's hauling
- 10 to my client's locations?
- At the time we purchased the contracts, 11 Α.
- Peninsula had Coraluzzo and Eagle both supplying. 12
- Q. The product that was supplied, the 13
- 14 Mobil-branded product, was there a particular
- distribution terminal that that came from? 15
- 16 The primary terminal would have been
- Salisbury, Maryland. 17
- 18 How about with respect to initially the Texaco Q.
- 19 product and then the CITGO product?
- 20 I believe primarily that was Delaware City. Α.
- How about the same for any diesel fuel for 21
- those two locations? 22
- Yes, either of those terminals. 23 Α.
- 24 Q. At any of the locations that GLeS or you or

- 1 Mr. LeRoy or Mr. Sweet operated, did any of those sites
- have convenience stores?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- Q. Did any of them have quick serve restaurants?
- 5 Α. No.
- 6 Q. Did GLeS develop any locations itself?
- 7 When you say develop? Α.
- 8 As a ground up facility? Q.
- 9 That GLeS owned, is that what you're asking? Α.
- Q. Or that one of the related, some related 10
- 11 entity owned.
- None that Primo or GLeS owned. 12 Α.
- How about any other, you or Mr. Sweet or 13 Q.
- Mr. LeRoy? 14
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. How about when you were affiliated with
- Texaco, were you affiliated with any ground-up 17
- locations? 18
- 19 Α. Many.
- 20 Q. Were those facilities that included
- 21 convenience stores?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 How about any food service? Q.
- 24 A. Yes. Delis and things like that.

- 1 Q. Why were sites developed with convenience
- 2 stores and delis, things of that nature?
- 3 A. Providing additional offerings to the
- 4 customers.
- 5 Q. To tie in with the motor fuel sales?
- 6 A. In some cases.
- 7 Q. It was generally viewed, was it not,
- 8 throughout the 90's, and up to the present time, that
- 9 convenience stores and food service and motor fuel are
- 10 complimentary of one another?
- MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection as well.
- 13 THE WITNESS: You used the
- 14 term "generally." I don't know --
- 15 BY MR. STORM:
- 16 Q. Well, most of the new facilities that you see
- 17 being built today include convenience stores, do they
- 18 not?
- 19 A. They include many different uses.
- 20 Q. Such as?
- 21 A. Car washes, quick lube centers, repair
- 22 facilities, Dunkin' Donuts. Any number of different
- 23 offerings.
- Q. Why is that?

- 1 Α. Well, the margins continue to shrink on
- 2 everything as competition develops, so you increase the
- 3 number of offerings that you have.
- In order to try to increase the profitability
- 5 of a site?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 You mentioned shrinking margins. Is the motor
- 8 fuel business competitive?
- 9 MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. STORM:
- Generally it's a business, is it not, where 12
- 13 the margins are measured in pennies per gallon?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- MR. YOUNG: Objection. 15
- BY MR. STORM: 16
- 17 Is it a business where, based on your
- 18 experience, consumers buying at retail are price
- sensitive to the price of gasoline? 19
- 20 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 21 MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 22 THE WITNESS: To the best of my opinion,
- I would say yes. 23
- 24 BY MR. STORM:

- 1 Q. How many years have you been in the business?
- 2 A. Since I was 15 years old. 30 years.
- 3 Q. A typical load of gasoline that's delivered to
- 4 a site, how many gallons, if it is a full load?
- 5 A. 8900.
- 6 Q. Have credit card fees become a big issue in
- 7 the industry?
- 8 MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 9 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 10 BY MR. STORM:
- 11 Q. Let me rephrase it.
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. When GLeS was supplying locations, there was
- 14 generally credit card processing that was involved at
- 15 the retail sites, was there not?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. The retail sites took either branded
- 18 proprietary oil company cards and they took Visa,
- 19 Master Card, credit cards like that; right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And on the non-oil company cards, there were
- 22 generally fees associated with the processing of those
- 23 cards; right?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And as the price of the gasoline or motor fuel
- 2 goes up, the credit card fees, for example, at \$4 a
- 3 gallon are greater than they were at \$2 a gallon;
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. I know you know Mr. LeRoy; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 3.
- 9 Have you seen that article before?
- 10 MR. HUTCHISON: Does the article have a
- 11 date?
- MR. STORM: There is another page to that
- 13 that appears not to have been copied. It was
- 14 December 23rd, 2007, in the Sunday News Journal here in
- 15 Wilmington in the business section.
- 16 BY MR. STORM:
- 17 Q. Have you seen that article?
- 18 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 19 Q. On the second page, Mr. LeRoy is quoted as
- 20 saying that competitive prices are the driving force.
- 21 You cannot be competitive in this market place. If you
- 22 didn't stay competitive, you wouldn't have customers.
- Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you agree with that?
- Α. Competitive is a relative term. I would say
- 3 to some extent, yes.
- 4 Later on, in the middle column on the second
- 5 page, he is quoted as saying, "Retailers are getting
- 6 killed, they're getting squashed in the middle. One of
- 7 the biggest culprits is not the oil companies, it's the
- 8 credit card companies."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- Do you agree with that? 11 Q.
- I don't know if I would have stated it exactly 12 Α.
- 13 like that.
- But the point that's being made there is it 14
- relates to the credit card fees; right? 15
- 16 Α.
- 17 Let's go back to 2005 and the purchase of the
- 18 assets from Peninsula, and I think that we have already
- established that those assets included the two 19
- 20 locations that are involved in the litigation.
- 21 Were there values that were allocated to
- 22 the various assets that were being acquired from
- 23 Peninsula?
- 24 A. They weren't allocated by site. We bought a

- 1 package of agreements.
- 2 Q. How many agreements, do you remember?
- 3 A. I believe it was 18, but I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. Were those all supply contracts?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. I think you talked earlier that you dealt
- 7 primarily with Mr. Willie.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And Mr. Willie was probably the same guy that
- 10 Willie's were named for?
- 11 A. It's the family name.
- 12 Q. Did you talk to him about how Peninsula had
- 13 been performing under the various contracts, the method
- 14 of performance? Let me give you an example. For
- 15 example, on the commission site at Laurel Oasis, how
- 16 did monies come into Peninsula from Laurel Oasis and
- 17 how were commissions paid by Peninsula, did you talk at
- 18 all about the mechanics of how it worked?
- 19 A. I don't think we got into that detail. They
- 20 furnished us all the contracts and we, I guess, made
- 21 our own interpretation based on what the contracts
- 22 required us to do.
- Q. Did you visit with my clients before the
- 24 assignment took place?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Tell me what you recall about that meeting?
- 3 A. We had several meetings, myself and Bill
- 4 Glenn, discussing the possibility of changing the brand
- 5 at the Texaco truck stop. We had meetings with Terry
- 6 Sullivan from CITGO Petroleum. We discussed the
- 7 possibility of making them an actual distributor, a
- 8 subdistributor of ours where they would be able to go
- 9 out and hire their own trucks and supply not only their
- 10 locations, but potentially other locations.
- 11 Q. Were those discussions before you acquired the
- 12 assets from Peninsula or after you acquired the assets?
- 13 A. It was right in that same time frame. I
- 14 couldn't tell you exactly when.
- 15 Q. So just so I'm clear, before you actually
- 16 bought the assets from Peninsula, you didn't do a
- 17 review of Peninsula's method of operation to see how
- 18 Peninsula was performing under its contracts with the
- 19 various operators that --
- 20 A. We actually hired their sales rep, Rod
- 21 Coleman, who was Peninsula's rep and then later became
- 22 our rep in an effort that we would not disturb customer
- 23 service.
- 24 O. Did he become a rep for either of my clients'

- 1 locations?
- 2 A. He continued to be the rep. He was the rep
- 3 prior to and he was the rep afterwards.
- 4 Q. Was there another rep also, somebody named
- 5 Adam?
- 6 A. At a later date, Adam Gray became the rep.
- 7 Q. When did he become the rep?
- 8 A. I don't know the exact date.
- 9 Q. What happened to the fellow from Peninsula?
- 10 A. He was with us for a while and then eventually
- 11 left the company. I couldn't tell you exactly the time
- 12 frames when everything occurred.
- Q. Do you remember how long he stayed with you?
- 14 A. He was with us for a while. He changed
- 15 assignments, he had various different dealers, and then
- 16 eventually he left the company.
- 17 Q. At the time of the 2005 transaction with
- 18 Peninsula, you knew that my clients' Delmar location
- 19 was branded Mobil; right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And you knew that my clients had been
- 22 receiving incentive monies from Peninsula --
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. -- related to that Mobil brand; right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Did you know how Peninsula had been submitting
- 3 requests to Sunoco for payment with respect to that
- 4 incentive money?
- 5 A. Yes. We requested copies of the incentive
- 6 paperwork that was submitted.
- 7 Q. And it was based on a three-cent a gallon
- 8 incentive, was it not?
- 9 A. I believe it was, yes.
- 10 Q. Who in your office was responsible for
- 11 submitting that paperwork?
- 12 A. I believe the person who ultimately submitted
- 13 it was John Collins.
- 14 Q. John Collins?
- 15 A. Collins.
- 16 Q. And what was his position?
- 17 A. He was marketing support.
- 18 Q. Where is Mr. Collins now, do you know?
- 19 A. He lives in Delaware, but he's not employed by
- 20 GLeS any more.
- Q. Do you know where in Delaware he is?
- 22 A. I believe he lives in Smyrna.
- 23 Q. You were aware, were you not, that there was a
- 24 transaction in 2000 where Exxon and Mobil merged?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. That was common knowledge in the industry, was
- 3 it not?
- 4 A. Yes. It was on the news, newspaper,
- 5 everything.
- 6 Q. And you also knew as a result of that that as
- 7 part of the regulatory approval that the Mobil brand
- 8 had to be divested in certain geographic areas?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that included the Mid-Atlantic states?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And ultimately you were aware, were you not,
- 13 that Tosco acquired rights to the Mobil brand within
- 14 the Mid-Atlantic area?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you knew, did you not, that Tosco had a
- 17 licensing agreement that ran from 2000 to 2010?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. There was something that Mobil had that was
- 20 known as Speedpass, was there not?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What was that, can you explain what that is?
- 23 A. It was a payment method that the Mobil
- 24 customer, at their option, had the ability to process

- 1 their credit card transactions through a receiver that
- 2 they kept on their key chain.
- 3 Q. I think you testified earlier that you were an
- 4 ExxonMobil distributor; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And was that a technology ultimately that
- 7 Exxon also adopted following the merger?
- 8 A. Yes, some time after, but yes.
- 9 O. And that was viewed as a convenience to the
- 10 customer, was it not, to be able to wave the key in
- 11 front of the dispenser rather than inserting a credit
- 12 card?
- MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I think that they believed
- 15 that it was.
- 16 BY MR. STORM:
- 17 Q. Was there some device or mechanism that had to
- 18 be installed on the dispenser in order to allow you to
- 19 wave the key in front of the dispenser?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And there was a cost associated with that at
- 22 any site that had Speedpass, was there not?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember what that was?

- 1 A. Off the top of my head, I don't.
- 2 Q. Was that something that Mobil and later Exxon
- 3 advertised?
- 4 A. For a period of time, they did.
- 5 Q. Was that a technology that was -- I don't know
- 6 if it still is -- but at that time back in 2000 to
- 7 2005, let's say, unique to ExxonMobil?
- 8 A. I know other companies were experimenting with
- 9 it also in different markets, but originally it was
- 10 Mobil's -- Mobil I guess was the first to come out with
- 11 it.
- 12 Q. You have been involved with a lot of different
- 13 brands, it sounds like, throughout your career?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. You have been involved, obviously, in
- 16 situations where a location changes the brand; right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And there is an effort made at the time that a
- 19 location changes the brand to promote that new brand,
- 20 is there not?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And to try to develop a customer base or a
- 23 customer following for that brand?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And then if the location then changes brands
- 2 again, then you have to go through that process again;
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. So, for example, if you convert the location
- 6 to the BP brand and you then try to attract all of the
- 7 customers to your BP site and then you change the BP to
- 8 Exxon, then you have to go through that process again,
- 9 right, of trying to get the customers back, bring them
- 10 to the Exxon station now as opposed to the BP station?
- 11 A. To some extent that's true, depending on a
- 12 large number of factors. When we converted all of our
- 13 Amoco sites to BP, the entire market converted and we
- 14 didn't see any erosion in volume.
- 15 Q. That was a whole market of those sites; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. During the time that you were supplying, after
- 18 you acquired the Peninsula assets in 2005 until the
- 19 time that Sunoco stopped supplying Sweet Oil with Mobil
- 20 branded product, did Sunoco support the Mobil brand in
- 21 any way? In other words, did it have any kind of
- 22 marketing program for the Mobil brand?
- 23 MR. YOUNG: Objection. It is two
- 24 questions, but you can answer.

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1 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

- 2 BY MR. STORM:
- 3 Q. You understood from the time that you acquired
- 4 the Peninsula locations that it was Sunoco's intention
- 5 to convert all of the Mobils to Sunocos; right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And that was true not just in Delaware, but
- 8 everywhere else that Sunoco had acquired the rights to
- 9 the Mobil brand?
- 10 A. Yes. You are talking Mid-Atlantic area.
- 11 Q. These stations that were Mobil branded, I take
- 12 it that the stations had the Mobil sign; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And it had the Mobil color scheme?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Which was certainly a color scheme different
- 17 from, say, a Sunoco color scheme; right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. There was a Mobil proprietary card that went
- 20 along with the Speedpass thing, wasn't there?
- 21 A. It was an ExxonMobil card.
- 22 Q. So customers that had that card could use the
- 23 card either at an Exxon or at a Mobil?
- 24 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. I may have asked you this, and if I did I
- 2 apologize, but in addition to the Delmar location and
- 3 then the Duck-In site, were there any other Mobil
- 4 locations that were involved in the transaction between
- 5 GLeS and Peninsula?
- 6 A. Yes. One more.
- 7 Q. And what was that?
- 8 A. Deluxe Mobil in Seaford.
- 9 Q. What happened to that site ultimately?
- 10 A. It was an extremely low volume location and
- 11 was not acceptable to be converted to Sunoco, so it was
- 12 converted to another brand.
- 13 Q. Still supplied by Sweet Oil?
- 14 A. GPM.
- 15 Q. GPM?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So, in other words, it stayed Mobil up until
- 18 the very end as well?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. In February?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. So my clients' location wasn't the only one in
- 23 February of 2007, the only Mobil that hadn't converted?
- A. No. We had three Mobils at that time.

- 1 Q. And none of the three had converted?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Any of the other two, the Duck-In or the
- 4 Deluxe location, had those locations made the switch to
- 5 the Sunoco credit card network prior to February of
- 6 2007?
- 7 A. I believe they did. I believe their equipment
- 8 was compatible and I believe they were on the other
- 9 network.
- 10 Q. When you say their equipment was compatible,
- 11 what do you mean?
- 12 A. There was a mechanical upgrade that was
- 13 necessary at the Delmar location due to the type of
- 14 equipment that they had. I don't remember the exact
- 15 number, but it was a couple thousand dollars that was
- 16 necessary to upgrade the Delmar site to be able to be
- 17 compatible with Sunoco's system.
- 18 Q. With respect to the credit card processing,
- 19 that was the issue at the Delmar location, was it not,
- 20 that ultimately when my clients could no longer process
- 21 credit cards, in I think June when Sunoco cut it off,
- 22 in June of 2006 --
- 23 A. I think it was actually prior to that.
- MR. YOUNG: Objection.

- 1 BY MR. STORM:
- 2 Q. It had to do with the incompatibility of my
- 3 clients' system with the Sunoco system?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Do you remember the names of the people at
- 6 Duck-In and Deluxe Mobil, the names of the individuals
- 7 that were behind the sites and operated the sites?
- 8 A. At the Deluxe location it was Larry Bradley.
- 9 At the Duck-In location, I'm not sure
- 10 off the top of my head. I'd have to pull the
- 11 agreement.
- 12 Q. I think you said one of the locations was also
- 13 receiving incentive money; right?
- 14 A. Duck-In was.
- 15 Q. Deluxe was not?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. At Duck-In, did Sunoco ultimately waive any
- 18 repayment at that location?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. How much was involved there?
- 21 A. Approximately \$12,000.
- 22 Q. Did all of these locations, the Duck-In, the
- 23 Deluxe, and my clients' location at Delmar, did they
- 24 all have the same form contract between Peninsula and

- 1 the respective operator?
- Α. They were similar. They weren't exactly the
- 3 same.
- Ο. Was there another location known as Deepwater?
- 5 Α. Not that I'm aware of. Not that we ever
- 6 supplied.
- 7 From the time that GLeS assumed the Peninsula
- 8 agreements with my client in September of 2005 until
- 9 February of 2007, going back to 2005, do you remember
- when the first time was that GLeS made any payment to 10
- my client for any of the Mobil incentive money? 11
- I don't know off the top of my head. 12 Α.
- 13 Did you ever make any payment of Mobil Q.
- incentive money? 14
- I believe we did. 15 Α.
- 16 Ο. And how much and when, do you remember?
- 17 I couldn't tell you. Without going back and Α.
- 18 researching, I couldn't tell you.
- As of February 2007, was there incentive money 19
- 20 that had been accumulated at Sweet Oil and had not been
- 21 paid to my client?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 How much was that? Q.
- 24 A. I don't know the exact number, but I think it

- 1 was approximately \$11,000.
- 2 Q. And the incentive monies would have been paid
- 3 to my clients in what form? Would it have been by
- check or would it have been by electronic funds
- 5 transfer? How would that money have been paid if it
- 6 was check?
- 7 It would either be by check or electronic
- 8 funds. I couldn't tell you.
- 9 MR. STORM: Is this a good time to take a
- 10 break?
- 11 MR. HUTCHISON: Your call.
- MR. STORM: Let's take a break. Five 12
- 13 minutes.
- (Recess.) 14
- BY MR. STORM: 15
- 16 Mr. Greco, I think you mentioned earlier that
- Coraluzzo did all the hauling; right? 17
- 18 A. For us.
- 19 Q. For you?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Was that true from the time that Sweet Oil 21 Q.
- 22 took over the Peninsula locations?
- 23 A. For what period?
- 24 Q. Starting in September of '05?

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1 A. At that point, I believe they were our only

- 2 carrier.
- 3 Q. Did Sweet Oil, in connection with my client
- 4 and the Delmar location, charge something called a
- 5 carrier administration fee?
- 6 A. Can I go back to that last question for a
- 7 second?
- 8 Q. Yes.
- 9 A. Actually, when we began to supply them in
- 10 September of' 05, that's when Rita and Katrina
- 11 hurricanes both hit the Gulf Coast and there were a lot
- 12 of problems in getting product. And at that point, we
- 13 brought in another carrier also. We had Murphy
- 14 Transport was also a carrier at that time.
- 15 Q. For how long did that continue?
- 16 A. They just helped to pick up the slack when
- 17 Coraluzzo was struggling with long lines at terminals
- 18 and having to go distances to get product when it
- 19 wasn't available.
- 20 Q. This carrier administration fee, do you
- 21 remember charging a carrier administration fee to my
- 22 client?
- 23 Let me direct your attention to
- 24 Exhibit 4, which is one of the documents you provided

- 1 in this litigation, and ask you to identify that.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. What is that? First of all, what is this
- 4 document?
- 5 A. I believe this is an outline of the breakdown
- of cost to deliver product to the Doughboy's location.
- 7 Q. What is the four-tenths of a cent carrier
- 8 administration fee, what is that?
- 9 A. That is the carrier's charge for Sunday
- 10 deliveries, holiday deliveries. They allow a certain
- 11 amount of time for demurrage, for unloading the truck.
- 12 There's a whole host of fees that they charge, and what
- 13 we did in an effort to accommodate our customers, many
- 14 of the customers said they didn't like having to pay a
- 15 specific Sunday fee, or whatever it was, so we took the
- 16 charge that the carrier charged us over the course of a
- 17 large period of time, divided by the total number of
- 18 gallons over a large period of time, and spread out
- 19 that cost so that it was equally bourne by all of the
- 20 customers and it was a much more fair practice so that
- 21 they didn't have to manage their inventories such that
- 22 they didn't order on a holiday or on a Sunday. They
- 23 could order seven days a week.
- 24 Q. And that was a carrier administration fee,

- 1 then, that was an amount that was retained by Sweet
- 2 Oil; right?
- 3 A. And paid to the carrier, yes.
- Q. Well, it was paid to the carrier, some part of
- 5 it was paid to the carrier if there were Sunday
- 6 deliveries at some location?
- 7 A. Yes. And a portion of that fee also was for
- 8 managing inventories at locations where we did that.
- 9 Whether the carrier themselves managed the inventory or
- 10 whether we had an in-house dispatcher manage the
- 11 inventory.
- 12 Q. Was that carrier administration fee something
- 13 that Peninsula had charged my client over and above the
- 14 actual freight cost?
- 15 A. That I don't know.
- 16 Q. Do you know whether my client ever ordered
- 17 product on a Sunday?
- 18 A. I would assume that they did, because with the
- 19 volume that they did, they got deliveries almost every
- 20 day.
- 21 Q. And do you know whether my clients' contract
- 22 specified anything about an additional charge for
- 23 Sunday deliveries?
- 24 A. I don't believe that it qualified freight.

- 1 Q. The carrier, and whatever contract you had
- 2 with the carriers, whether it was Coraluzzo or this
- 3 other Murphy that you brought in for a temporary
- 4 period, there was nothing in the agreement between
- 5 Sweet Oil and the carrier about a four-cent carrier
- 6 administration fee, isn't that right? Or four-tenths
- 7 of a cent carrier administration fee?
- 8 A. They don't break it out that way. They
- 9 itemize all their expenses.
- 10 Q. So Sweet Oil determined as part of its method
- 11 of doing business, Sweet Oil, after the assignment from
- 12 Peninsula, determined that this is how we are going to
- 13 deal with this issue of these additional charges that
- 14 are incurred for Sunday deliveries, for example?
- 15 A. That's incorrect. That was our practice from
- 16 the beginning of time.
- 17 Q. It wasn't something new?
- 18 A. No, it wasn't new to them.
- 19 Q. So, in other words, when the Peninsula Oil
- 20 sites came on board with Sweet, that was something that
- 21 got imposed on those buyers automatically because it
- 22 was part of the way Sweet Oil did business?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: It was part of our cost of

- 1 freight, so it was passed onto the customer.
- 2 BY MR. STORM:
- 3 But it wasn't an actual pass-through of
- 4 freight; it was a figure that you determined was going
- 5 to be added on that Sweet Oil was going to charge its
- 6 customers as Sweet Oil's way of dealing with these
- 7 additional charges that the carriers would charge you
- 8 for certain types of deliveries?
- 9 There's no requirement in the contract that
- 10 says it has to be a direct pass-through.
- You are talking about in my client's contract? 11 Q.
- 12 Α. Or in any of our supply contracts.
- But you knew, did you not, that that was not 13 Q.
- 14 the way that Peninsula Oil had handled my client's
- freight charges? 15
- 16 Α. I don't know that.
- 17 Did you ask? Q.
- 18 They used a different carrier, and we had bid
- 19 the carrier that they used and they were uncompetitive,
- 20 so we didn't hire them.
- 21 Getting back to Exhibit 4 for a minute, just
- 22 to make sure I understand the document, the top part of
- the document where it says Doughboy's Mobil price, tell 23
- me what that price reflects? Is that the laid-in price 24

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1 to Doughboys' Mobil including freight, or what is that?

- 2 Α. Without having additional back-up
- 3 documentation, I'd be speculating.
- 4 Actually, if you look at the bottom half, it
- 5 looks like those numbers match the numbers at the top.
- 6 And the bottom part tells you how you got there.
- 7 Okay, yes, that's correct.
- 8 What's the 15 percent Department of Energy Q.
- 9 fuel surcharge, what's that?
- 10 Α. All the common carriers charge a fuel
- surcharge as it's determined by the Department of 11
- 12 Energy. Especially -- I believe it was imposed right
- 13 about the time that these contracts were assumed
- because of the vast fluctuations in product cost due to 14
- the hurricanes and other conditions. 15
- 16 Q. Take me through the pages. It looks like
- 17 there is a page for each grade of product, right,
- 18 regular and then premium?
- 19 Α. And then diesel.
- 20 Q. Diesel; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Then there is the same for the Laurel Oasis 22 Q.
- CITGO, same type of analysis; right? 23
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. So you were adding that four-tenths of a cent
- 2 to every delivery at both locations, right, regardless
- 3 of the type product it was?
- 4 Α. At every location that we supplied.
- 5 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 5.
- 6 Do you recognize that document?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 That's the contract between Peninsula and Q.
- 9 Chesapeake Products & Services; right?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- That was assigned to Sweet Oil --11 Q.
- 12 Α. GLeS.
- GLeS, when you acquired the assets of 13 Q.
- Peninsula; right? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 If you look at Paragraph 3, which is the Q.
- 17 gasoline pricing, that describes the pricing formula
- 18 that was to apply to this contract; correct?
- 19 Α. Yeah.
- 20 Q. If you read the description in that paragraph
- regarding the common carrier freight rate, it says in 21
- 22 the fifth line down, "plus the common carrier freight
- rate, " do you see that? 23
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. The common carrier freight rate did not
- 2 include the four-tenths of a cent, did it?
- 3 A. No. That's addressed later in the sentence.
- 4 Q. And how is it addressed in the rest of the
- 5 sentence?
- 6 A. It says, "Including any fuel or other
- 7 surcharges charged by the carrier."
- 8 Q. Right. I think we established, did we not,
- 9 that the four-tenths of a cent was not something that
- 10 was charged to you, it was something that you, Sweet
- 11 Oil, GLeS, determined as a way of spreading costs among
- 12 all your customers?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I disagree. It was a
- 15 charge that we paid and our method of collecting was
- 16 the four-tenths of a cent.
- 17 BY MR. STORM:
- 18 Q. And is it your testimony that that four-tenths
- 19 of a cent would match the amounts charged to you by the
- 20 carriers? In other words, would I see a delivery for a
- 21 load that was delivered to my clients' Delmar location,
- 22 would I see an invoice from Coraluzzo that had this
- 23 four-tenths of a cent on it for every delivery?
- A. No, it wasn't billed that way.

- 1 Q. How was it billed by the carrier?
- 2 A. As I explained earlier, they itemize all their
- 3 charges and there was different charges on different
- 4 days, depending on the length of time it took for a
- 5 delivery. I believe the common carrier term is
- 6 demurrage. They allow a certain amount of time for the
- 7 truck to unload and if there's any delays they charged
- 8 for the additional time. That's a surcharge.
- 9 If they deliver on a Sunday, there was a
- 10 surcharge. If they deliver on a holiday, there's a
- 11 surcharge.
- 12 Q. The four-tenths of a cent did not represent an
- 13 actual charge that the carrier incurred to deliver fuel
- 14 to my clients' location; right?
- 15 A. You are asking the same question over and
- 16 over. I'm answering the same question. They don't
- 17 bill it as four-tenths of a cent, but they do bill
- 18 those fees.
- 19 Q. Let me ask you this: In terms of these
- 20 contracts that you had with Coraluzzo, those were
- 21 written contracts?
- 22 A. Actually, they weren't.
- Q. What were they?
- 24 A. We put our business for bid every year and

- 1 we evaluated all of the bids and we assigned, I guess
- 2 based on a verbal agreement we assigned the supply for
- 3 that year.
- 4 Q. How did you put it out to bid?
- 5 A. We sent out written notices to all common
- 6 carrier companies and we gave them a list of locations
- 7 that they would be delivering to and pick-up terminals
- 8 that they would be getting the product from. And we
- 9 asked them to provide us with rates and fee schedules.
- 10 Q. You would have those for every year, then?
- 11 For example, there would have been one for 2005 and
- 12 2006?
- 13 A. Yes, I'm sure there was. I'm sure there was,
- 14 yes.
- 15 Q. The actual freight charge that comes from the
- 16 carrier with respect to the delivery of a particular
- 17 load, does that show up on the bill of lading, or where
- 18 does that show up?
- 19 A. No, it wouldn't show up on a bill of lading.
- 20 It would probably show up on a later invoice that they
- 21 probably would have mailed to us.
- 22 Q. And would there be an invoice for each
- 23 delivery?
- 24 A. I believe so. I'm not 100 percent positive.

- 1 I believe that's how it was. I'd have to pull the
- 2 documentation to find out.
- 3 Q. I'm just trying to understand what
- 4 documentation there would be if there's not an invoice
- 5 per load, what documentation would show the actual
- 6 charge that the carrier was imposing for a particular
- 7 delivery?
- 8 A. I believe when they provided us the invoice,
- 9 they billed us -- and I don't remember if it was weekly
- 10 or biweekly, but we got a statement of all deliveries
- 11 that they had made, mileage and so on and so on. It
- 12 was a cumulative invoice.
- 13 Q. Do you still have those?
- 14 A. I'm not sure if we do or not. At the time we
- 15 sold the company and assumed all the contracts to GPM,
- we also sold them our office building and we boxed up
- 17 and moved everything to storage, and some things made
- 18 it to storage and some things didn't.
- 19 We actually just concluded audits with
- 20 each of the states that we did business in. As part of
- 21 closing out all of our licenses, the states required
- 22 final audits to verify the gallons and the taxes and
- 23 all those things, and everything. Now that that's all
- 24 complete, some of those documents weren't kept.

- 1 Q. Just so I am clear, and I think I'm clear on
- 2 this, on whatever invoice Coraluzzo sent to you for a
- 3 delivery to Delmar Mobil, there would not be an
- 4 itemization of a .004 for carrier administration fee?
- 5 A. No, they wouldn't have called it that.
- 6 Q. In Paragraph 8, the last sentence of
- 7 Paragraph 8, that's the sentence that says that if the
- 8 Mobil brand becomes unavailable, the company and the
- 9 dealer shall mutually agree on what brand the dealer
- 10 will resell; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You were aware of that provision in this
- 13 contract --
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. -- at the time that you were assigning the
- 16 assignment document with Sunoco in late August of 2005;
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 20 BY MR. STORM:
- Q. You have maybe had a little bit of time to
- 22 think about this. Do you recall now whether any
- 23 payments were made on the Mobil incentive monies to my
- 24 clients' Delmar location?

- 1 A. To the best of my recollection, I believe we
- 2 made one payment to them. We received a second payment
- 3 from Sunoco, which right about the time that we
- 4 received it, Sunoco notified us that the location was
- 5 in breach because they were not accepting Mobil cards
- 6 at the Mobil site. And at that point, we escrowed the
- 7 money because Sunoco, under the agreement, had the
- 8 ability to request repayment.
- 9 Q. You've reviewed this agreement, Exhibit 5;
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Can you show me in that agreement anywhere
- 13 that obligated my client to accept Mobil credit cards?
- 14 A. (Pause.)
- I don't see where it specifically says
- 16 that.
- 17 Q. Let me ask you about Exhibit 6. Have you seen
- 18 that before?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is that?
- 21 A. This is a request by Peninsula for incentive
- 22 payments.
- Q. This is actually the agreement, is it not,
- 24 between Tosco and Peninsula related to the incentive

- 1 payments?
- 2 A. Yes, I believe it is.
- 3 Q. This was under the, quote, level super site
- 4 incentive, if you look in the --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And that was the three-cent per gallon for 48
- 7 months?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And then Level 1 below that says that it has
- 10 pay at the pump incentive and Speedpass incentive;
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. When it is talking about super site, do you
- 14 know what that means?
- 15 A. Generally it's any gas station that has
- 16 greater than four MPD's and meets a minimum criteria
- 17 for the size of the store.
- 18 Q. The Delmar location, what physically was at
- 19 the Delmar location?
- 20 A. They had six gasoline dispensers under a
- 21 canopy on the side of the building. They had diesel on
- 22 the back of the building. They had a convenience store
- 23 that housed two quick serve restaurants and sold beer
- 24 and wine and other convenience products.

- 1 Ο. Was this document, this agreement, part of the
- Peninsula agreement that was assigned to GLeS when it
- 3 took over the Peninsula locations?
- Α. I believe it was.
- 5 My client was not a signatory on this Q.
- 6 document, was it?
- 7 Α. No.
- 8 Q. This agreement is between the distributor and
- 9 Tosco; right?
- 10 Α. Yes, between Peninsula and Tosco.
- You weren't involved at the time certainly 11 O.
- when my clients entered into their contract with 12
- Peninsula in 2002? 13
- 14 Α. No.
- Do you know, did anybody ever tell you from 15 Q.
- 16 Peninsula or from Sunoco whether my clients had even
- 17 seen this Exhibit 5 at the time that they signed their
- contract with Peninsula? 18
- To the best of my recollection, I remember 19
- 20 having a conversation with Dan Moore, who is now a
- 21 Sunoco employee, but was previously a
- 22 Tosco/ConocoPhillips employee. And he was involved in
- the negotiation of the branding of the location with 23
- 24 the Glenns, and I believe -- I don't remember exactly

- 1 the conversation, but I remember him telling me that he
- 2 was part of the negotiation of the incentives with
- 3 them.
- 4 Q. So he was involved in some way?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 7.
- 7 Have you seen that document before?
- 8 A. I don't believe this was furnished to us with
- 9 the contract. This is merely a letter of intent, not a
- 10 binding contract.
- 11 Q. This came from your file. Was this something
- 12 that was provided to you by Peninsula?
- 13 A. It's possible it was provided by Peninsula or
- 14 it's possible it was provided by the Glenns.
- 15 Q. Do you see the fifth paragraph down where it
- 16 says, "Peninsula will allow Glenns to buy down the
- 17 Laurel contract," do you know what that was referring
- 18 to?
- 19 A. I have no idea.
- 20 Q. Do you see the sentence in the second
- 21 paragraph, the last sentence in the second paragraph
- 22 that says, "Glenns will be responsible for all
- 23 reimbursement of incentive if they fail to meet the
- 24 terms of supply agreement?"

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1 A. Yes, I see it.

- 2 Q. Is it your position that the Glenns failed in
- 3 some way to meet the terms of the supply agreement?
- 4 A. Yes. They breached the agreement.
- 5 Q. How did they breach the agreement?
- 6 A. They stopped accepting Mobil credit cards and
- 7 they stopped purchasing fuel from us.
- 8 Q. They stopped purchasing fuel from you after
- 9 you sent them a letter saying that you weren't going to
- 10 supply them with Mobil product any more; right?
- 11 A. Under the terms of the supply agreement, it
- 12 provided for a replacement brand to be mutually
- 13 accepted, and we offered them just about every brand in
- 14 the marketplace, including BP, Coastal, Sunoco, CITGO,
- 15 Mystic. We actually offered them some brands that GPM
- 16 supplied, including Valero. Every possible brand
- 17 alternative, including no brand, and they didn't
- 18 negotiate in good faith in an effort to try and replace
- 19 the brand.
- 20 Q. Hadn't you already committed to Sunoco that
- 21 you were going to change the brand to Sunoco?
- 22 A. At the time we did the initial assignment in
- 23 September, it was our intention to do that because it
- 24 was put to us by Sunoco that that was going to be a

- 1 requirement.
- 2 Later they backed off that position and
- 3 said that they would allow us to repay the money and
- 4 release us, which would give us the opportunity to
- 5 rebrand the Glenns to another brand. And we offered
- 6 them every imaginable brand that we could obtain, and
- 7 they didn't accept any of them.
- 8 Q. Had you ever paid the Glenns all of the Mobil
- 9 incentive money that they were due under that contract?
- 10 A. No. It was in escrow because Sunoco had
- 11 notified us that they were in breach.
- 12 Q. Sunoco notified you that the Glenns were in
- 13 breach of their contract with you, is that right, is
- 14 that what you are saying?
- 15 A. They were in breach of the Mobil brand
- 16 franchise by not accepting Mobil cards from Mobil
- 17 customers.
- 18 Q. Did you say to Sunoco, wait a minute, I don't
- 19 think their contract says anywhere that they are
- 20 required to accept those cards?
- 21 MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 22 THE WITNESS: It's implied as part of
- 23 branding a station, whether it be their locations or
- 24 any other locations in the 30 years I have been in this

- 1 business, that if you are branded with any oil company
- 2 franchise, that you have to comply with their standards
- 3 of appearance and their payment requirements.
- 4 The customer expects when they go to a
- 5 Mobil site and has a Mobil credit card in their wallet
- 6 that it's going to be accepted there.
- 7 BY MR. STORM:
- 8 Go back to Exhibit 5 a minute, Paragraph 10. Q.
- 9 Exhibit, I'm sorry, Exhibit 4? Α.
- 10 Q. Yes. Excuse me, the agreement between
- Peninsula and Chesapeake Products & Service. 11
- 12 Exhibit 5. I'm sorry.
- 13 Α. Okay.
- 14 Paragraph 10 says, "The dealer agrees to pay
- 15 all equipment and communication costs associated with
- 16 the acceptance of credit cards whether or not processed
- 17 through the company."
- 18 Do you see that?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Q. Meaning the company is defined as Peninsula,
- right, on the first page? 21
- 22 Α. Yes.
- When did you offer the Glenns, at this 23 Q.
- 24 location, a brand other than the Sunoco brand?

- 1 A. You want a specific date?
- 2 Q. Tell me about when you think you offered that.
- 3 A. Many times between September and when it was
- 4 finally, I guess, when it stopped being Mobil in
- 5 February.
- 6 Q. September of 2006?
- 7 A. No. When we took assignment of the contracts,
- 8 we knew that the Mobil agreement was -- even at the
- 9 time that this agreement was signed between the Glenns
- 10 and Peninsula, it was contemplated that the Mobil brand
- 11 wouldn't exist. Tosco's right to have Mobil only went
- 12 until 2010 and this agreement goes until 2012. So they
- 13 knew at the time they signed this agreement that they
- 14 would not be Mobil for the duration of the agreement.
- Q. My question to you is, I'm trying to learn
- 16 when it was that you had conversations with the Glenns
- 17 about some brand other than Sunoco?
- 18 A. I think initially we went to them with Sunoco
- 19 and I went back to Sunoco and said that they were
- 20 considering their options, they weren't sure what they
- 21 wanted to do. And actually Sunoco came back with an
- 22 additional incentive over and above the incentive that
- 23 they were currently receiving -- and I don't remember
- 24 the exact specifics, but we have it -- that they would

- offer them an additional incentive to become Sunoco.
- Q. Did you personally have conversations with
- 3 them about this?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And with Bill, Charlie or both?
- 6 A. I believe with Bill.
- 7 Q. And did you tell them that if they didn't
- 8 become Sunoco they'd have to repay the \$112,000?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So their choice is to become Sunoco, as you
- 11 agreed with Sunoco in August of 2005 they would, or if
- 12 they were going to accept any other brand that you had
- 13 to offer, they had to repay \$112,000?
- 14 A. Excuse me for a second. Let me restate that.
- We agreed as one of the many offers that
- 16 we made them to go to other brands that we would
- 17 actually absorb that cost at our expense only as part
- 18 of rebranding to another brand.
- 19 Q. Did you put that in writing?
- 20 A. I believe we did, yes.
- Q. By the time that you were having these
- 22 conversations, it would have been some time after
- 23 September of 2006; right?
- 24 A. I don't know the exact time frame.

- 1 Q. You had already committed to sell all your
- 2 assets to yet another party; right?
- 3 Α. I don't know the exact timing.
- 4 Certainly by August of 2006, you knew that
- 5 GLeS was getting out of the motor fuel distribution
- 6 business if the agreement with GPM went through?
- 7 If it went through, yes.
- And that any agreement that would envision 8 Q.
- 9 some long-term relationship wasn't going to be with
- GLeS performing; it was going to be with GPM 10
- performing? 11
- Yes. That the president of GPM actually met 12
- with the Glenns personally. 13
- Do you know how long the Glenns had been in a 14
- relationship with Peninsula? 15
- 16 Α. I believe it dated back to 1990.
- 17 Let's look at Exhibit 9. Q.
- Tell me what that is. 18
- 19 That's a request for incentive payments for
- 20 two of the Mobil branded locations supplied by Sunoco.
- 21 So in February of '06, you had been requesting
- the incentive for the fourth quarter of '05; right? 22
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 And then according to this document, the

- Delmar location was entitled to 7719.08; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And was that ever paid to the Glenns, do you
- 4 know?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. How about Exhibit 10, the same document for
- 7 the first quarter of '06?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether that money was ever paid
- 10 to the Glenns, the 5,539.76?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. Now, by this time, it looks like that other
- 13 location is no longer included, by the time we get to
- 14 Exhibit 10. Duck-In, had their contract expired by
- 15 that time?
- 16 A. No, their contract didn't expire, but they
- 17 were no longer eligible for additional incentive
- 18 monies. They were just in the amortizing phase of
- 19 their contract.
- 20 Q. What do you mean, the amortizing phase?
- 21 A. Typically supply agreements go for durations
- 22 of approximately ten years and incentives are paid over
- 23 the first two years or three years or four years of
- 24 that term.

- 1 Q. So at least they were through the period where
- incentives were being paid?
- 3 A. Correct.
- On both Exhibit 9 and Exhibit 10, it shows the
- 5 rate as two cents a gallon, and the program as being
- 6 the clip program.
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 Yeah. That's Sunoco's acronym for their
- incentive. I don't know exactly what that stands for.
- 10 That's a Sunoco program, that wasn't a Tosco Q.
- program that applied to the Glenns' location? 11
- 12 It's Sunoco's terminology for how they pay
- 13 incentive.
- 14 The rate of two cents is wrong, right, it's
- supposed to be three cents? 15
- 16 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 17 And that's true on both Exhibit 9 and 0.
- Exhibit 10, it looks like? 18
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Q. Let me ask you some questions about
- 21 Exhibit 11.
- 22 Have you seen this indemnity mortgage
- 23 document before?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Now I am going to ask you about another
- 2 document that's all the way back at, I think 73.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 MR. HUTCHISON: I am sorry, what?
- 5 MR. STORM: 73.
- 6 BY MR. STORM:
- 7 Q. My question is this: The indemnity mortgage
- 8 between Delmar Real Estate Holdings and Peninsula Oil
- 9 Company related to the supply agreement, did it not,
- 10 between Peninsula and my clients at Delmar, is that
- 11 your understanding of what this related to?
- 12 A. Say that one more time?
- 13 Q. What was your understanding of what this
- 14 indemnity mortgage was given to secure?
- 15 A. It was collateral securing the performance of
- 16 their requirements under the agreements.
- 17 Q. The performance under the agreements that we
- 18 are talking about was the performance by my client at
- 19 the Delmar location.
- Is that your understanding?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 22 BY MR. STORM:
- Q. Let's go through the recitals. The first
- 24 recital says, Whereas, Chesapeake Product & Services,

- 1 Inc., and BCG, Inc. -- and I am skipping some of the
- 2 language -- entered into a dealer agreement with
- 3 mortgagee dated October 3rd, 2002. That's the location
- 4 for the Delmar location, isn't it?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. That's the agreement for the Delmar location?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. That agreement for the Delmar location was
- 9 assigned to GLeS?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, if we go back to 73, there's an
- 14 assignment, there appears to be an assignment of this
- 15 mortgage from Peninsula to Primo Properties.
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. Why was that assigned to Primo?
- 18 A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. And Primo didn't enter into any agreement
- 20 with -- in other words, Primo wasn't going to be
- 21 performing any of the obligations of Peninsula under
- 22 that 2002 supply agreement; right?
- 23 A. No. I think they just did this in error.
- Q. Do you see the second recital, Whereas,

- 1 pursuant to the purchase agreement pursuant to right of
- 2 first offer agreement, do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What was the right of first offer agreement?
- 5 A. At the time we made our first purchase from
- 6 Peninsula back in 2003, they granted us a first right
- 7 of refusal against if they decided to sell this dealer
- 8 business at a later date. And because Primo was the
- 9 purchaser of the Uncle Willie's real estate, Primo held
- 10 that right and then I guess through assignment allowed
- 11 GLeS to be the purchaser.
- 12 Q. Your only explanation for Primo on Exhibit 73
- 13 was it was probably an error?
- 14 A. Yes, it had to be a typo or something.
- 15 Q. Exhibit 12 is another document I want to ask
- 16 you about that was produced by you in this litigation,
- 17 and I'd like to ask if you recognize that exhibit?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What is that?
- 20 A. That's a copy of a market report provided to
- 21 us by Sunoco made out by the Lundberg Group, which does
- 22 competitive pricing analysis.
- 23 Q. This exhibit includes both the Delaware and
- 24 the Maryland market share; right?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- Q. Are you familiar with Lundberg?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- Q. And what is Lundberg?
- 5 A. It's an independent service that monitors
- 6 competitive pricing.
- 7 And it is recognized in the industry as
- 8 providing this type of information; right?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 If you look at the page, the second page of Q.
- that exhibit, for the period December '05, the 11
- 12 ExxonMobil share of the Maryland market appears to be
- 46.72; is that right? 13
- 14 Α. Yes.
- And Sunoco is 17.30? 15 Q.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Is that relevant? 17
- 18 I am just trying to understand. This is Q.
- showing market share within the state; right? 19
- 20 Yes. But the ExxonMobil brand that's
- 21 referenced on here is supplied by Exxon of Exxon
- branded locations. It's not Mobil branded locations. 22
- 23 Q. Or Exxon distributor locations; right?
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. And I think you indicated earlier that those
- 2 same customers could use the Speedpass at Exxon or
- 3 Mobil locations; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Let me ask you about Exhibit 13.
- 6 What is that?
- 7 A. This is our outside CPA evaluated some
- 8 spreadsheets that we prepared internally documenting
- 9 volume by grade and month sold to each of the two
- 10 locations that we're talking about.
- 11 Q. Tell me exactly what the accountant did versus
- 12 what you did internally?
- 13 A. He went through our, we call it our load
- 14 deliveries system, which we record every gallon that we
- 15 deliver to every location from every terminal in every
- 16 state by every brand, and he verified that all the
- 17 gallons that are in this spreadsheet are the exact
- 18 gallons that were delivered to these sites.
- 19 Let's see what else is in here.
- 20 Q. And who prepared that data that was provided
- 21 to Mr. Sanderson?
- 22 A. All of the gallonage information is recorded
- 23 daily as it occurs, and I just printed the sheet out of
- 24 the system.

- 1 Q. And in terms of him verifying that, what did
- 2 he do?
- 3 A. Well, as I explained earlier, as part of
- 4 closing out our licenses and as part of relinquishing
- 5 our licenses to each of the states we did business,
- 6 each of the states came in and did final closing out
- 7 audits of our license and verified all our gallons.
- 8 And the way they did that was they looked at our
- 9 records for what we showed that we picked up from each
- 10 of our suppliers, and then they went back to our
- 11 suppliers and verified it was the same number.
- 12 They went to our common carrier and
- 13 verified that the number of gallons picked up at the
- 14 terminal were put in the truck and dropped out of the
- 15 truck at each location. And then they verified with
- 16 each location that the same exact number of gallons all
- 17 tied out. And he verified that all of our numbers were
- 18 exactly the same numbers.
- 19 Q. In terms of gallons delivered to these two
- 20 locations; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And then he says that I compared the delivery
- 23 information and average margins in the report with the
- 24 accounting records.

- 1 Tell me what information was provided to
- 2 him with respect to average margins?
- 3 A. Well, he came to the office and he went into
- 4 our accounting system and he verified that from the
- 5 first day we did business with them to the last day
- 6 that we did business with them. Based on our costs and
- 7 our selling prices, he established and verified that
- 8 the average margin over the entire duration of time
- 9 agreed with what's on the sheet.
- 10 Q. What information was he relying on? He was
- 11 relying on information that was in your computer
- 12 system?
- 13 A. Within our accounting system, yes.
- 14 Q. Is that information reflected -- and we can
- 15 mark this exhibit as 75 -- the documents that were
- 16 provided to me this morning, that Mr. Hutchison had
- 17 e-mailed last night that I really wasn't able to print.
- 18 Let's go ahead and do that.
- 19 MR. HUTCHISON: Are you attaching
- 20 originals to this transcript?
- 21 MR. STORM: That wasn't going to be my
- 22 intention to do that. Because everybody's going to
- 23 have a copy, so I don't see any reason to.
- 24 MR. HUTCHISON: Chris, do you have a copy

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1 of this?

- 2 MR. YOUNG: Electronically.
- 3 MR. STORM: This will be 75.
- 4 (Exhibit 75 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. STORM:
- 7 Q. Mr. Greco, can you just tell me what
- 8 Exhibit 75 is and whether 75 was a document that was
- 9 used and/or related to the calculations that are
- 10 reflected in Exhibit 13?
- 11 A. The data that's within 75 is data that was
- 12 exported from our accounting system to Excel for the
- 13 purposes of printing all the detail at your request.
- 14 He didn't print this report, but he
- 15 actually looked at it electronically within the
- 16 accounting system, but it's the same information.
- 17 Q. Now, where on this report -- and I'm just
- 18 skimming through it quickly and I'll look at it a
- 19 little more carefully on another break -- but can you
- 20 show me on this report, is there margin information
- 21 that is shown on this report, meaning Exhibit 75?
- 22 A. When you say margin information?
- Q. Well, in other words, Mr. Sanderson talks
- 24 about average margins, and you said he went into your

- 1 system and he got the average margins, and so is that
- part of what's in Exhibit 75?
- 3 I don't know that it actually calculates it
- down to a cents per gallon in this data.
- 5 Q. In 75?
- 6 Α. This is a report that we generated at your
- request. This isn't what he used for his report. 7
- 8 He had access to this and additional
- 9 information within our accounting system.
- 10 So tell me what he used to calculate this Ο.
- average margin? 11
- 12 Let me take a look in here real quick. Α.
- 13 I don't know that I could say
- specifically what he did to validate his numbers. I 14
- can tell you what I did to get my numbers. I mean he 15
- 16 spent hours and hours going through the accounting
- 17 system to establish his verification.
- 18 Did you provide him with what you thought the
- 19 average margin was?
- 20 I provided him with this attached spreadsheet
- 21 in No. 13.
- 22 You did provide him, then, with the page Q.
- that's the last page of this exhibit? 23
- 24 Α. Yes.

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1 Q. That at the top says Sweet Oil Estimate of

- 2 Damages?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- Q. That was a document that Mark Greco prepared?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- 6 Q. And all Sanderson did was review that and say,
- 7 "Yep, it looks accurate"?
- 8 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know what his
- procedure was to establish it, but I know he spent 10
- quite a long time going through our system before he 11
- 12 came up with that conclusion.
- BY MR. STORM: 13
- But this page, this last page of Exhibit 13 --14
- and I'm just trying to understand who prepared this 15
- 16 page. If I understand your testimony, it is Mark Greco
- 17 prepared this?
- 18 Α. Yes.
- And then Sanderson reviewed it and determined 19
- 20 that it was accurate?
- 21 Yes. Α.
- 22 So tell me this process of determining the Q.
- 23 average margin, what you look at to get that?
- 24 A. We look at what our costs were and what our

- 1 revenue was, and that produces a net income divided by
- 2 the gallons that were sold and that produces a cents
- 3 per gallon value.
- 4 Would it be easier to go through the
- 5 sheet with you?
- 6 Q. Sure.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Beginning at the top, it shows total
- 9 purchases. That ties into all the attached
- 10 spreadsheets by gallon by month by product.
- 11 Q. I understand that.
- 12 A. That's where that column comes from.
- Q. Right.
- 14 A. Months purchased began on September 1st of
- 15 '05, and that's the duration of time that they bought
- 16 product from us, based, again, on the attached volume
- 17 history.
- 18 Took the total gallons divided by the
- 19 total number of months that they bought and came up
- 20 with an average for that duration of time. That's the
- 21 third column.
- Months due but not honored, that's the
- 23 remaining number of months on the contract after they
- 24 stopped purchasing products from us.

- And underneath is the termination date 1
- 2 of when the contract was due to expire had it run its
- 3 full course.
- In the middle of the page --
- 5 Let me stop you a minute. If it had run its
- 6 full course as of some time in 2007 -- what was the
- 7 date of your closing with GPM?
- 8 March of 2007. Α.
- So as of March of 2007, GLeS wouldn't have 9
- been performing under this contract; right? 10
- 11 GLeS still owns these contracts to this day, Α.
- and if we needed to supply, we would make arrangements 12
- 13 for supply.
- Do you have a supply agreement right now? 14
- No. We could subcontract. 15 Α.
- 16 But as of March of 2007, you didn't have a Ο.
- Mobil contract; right? 17
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 Q. You didn't have a Sunoco contract? You
- 20 mutually terminated with Sunoco; right?
- 21 Not in March. Some time thereafter. Α.
- 22 But you entered into a mutual cancellation of
- the Sunoco agreement; right? 23
- 24 A. At some point later, yes.

- 1 Q. Did you mutually cancel the CITGO agreement?
- 2 A. At some point later, yes.
- 3 Q. When later?
- 4 A. Some time in the summer of '07.
- 5 Q. And after you did that, are there various
- 6 licenses in the State of Delaware that you need to haul
- 7 motor fuel or to supply motor fuel?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And are those licenses currently in effect?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. And because you were no longer in that
- 12 business; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Take me through the rest of the document.
- 15 A. Okay. In the center of the page, average
- 16 margin over the term honored, I took the amount of
- 17 gallons that they purchased, actual purchases from us.
- 18 I took the net income, which is the difference between
- 19 our cost of goods and the revenue that we derived from
- 20 selling the product to them, and came up with a total
- 21 revenue. I divided that by total gallons and came up
- 22 with an average margin per gallon over that duration.
- Then the next column is average margin
- 24 times the months that they did not honor. Again, going

- 1 to the top of the page far right column. The number of
- 2 months times average gallons times the average margin
- 3 is the amount of revenue that had they not breached the
- 4 contract and fulfilled their agreement, this is the
- 5 amount of revenue that would have been derived from
- 6 that agreement.
- 7 Q. Let me stop you, as to Laurel Oasis CITGO, it
- 8 says that's 98,451.73; right?
- 9 A. No, that's not correct.
- 10 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 11 BY MR. STORM:
- 12 Q. I'm sorry.
- 13 A. It's \$81,378.19.
- 14 Q. I see. That 98 included something else,
- 15 right, okay.
- 16 A. What that includes is, the next column is
- 17 equipment recapture agreement as part of their
- 18 agreement, the equipment that was, the investment that
- 19 was made for all the pumps and canopies and other
- 20 equipment was amortizing, and every month that they
- 21 honored the contract it was reduced by \$948.53.
- When they ceased honoring the agreement,
- 23 that amortization stopped. So \$948.53 times the
- 24 remaining number of months equals 17,073.54, which is

- 1 still owed on that equipment.
- 2 Q. Let me ask you this, and maybe I misunderstood
- 3 you, but I think that I asked you when we were talking
- 4 about the transaction that GLeS did with Peninsula --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. -- back in 2005, and you acquired these rights
- 7 that Peninsula had to supply these various locations, I
- 8 think you indicated that the locations weren't broken
- 9 out by site, that values weren't allocated to each of
- 10 the supply locations?
- 11 A. In our agreement with Peninsula, it was not.
- 12 Internally we did, based on gallons. Many of the 18
- 13 locations that we purchased were extremely low volume
- 14 locations, and they came along as part of the package.
- 15 But a lot of the weight of the reason that we purchased
- 16 it was based on the large number of gallons.
- 17 Q. But the contract that you had with Peninsula
- 18 did not specify a value for this Laurel Oasis
- 19 agreement, for example?
- 20 A. No, it wasn't broken down in the agreement.
- 21 Q. And the monies that were paid by Peninsula,
- 22 for example, to install equipment at this Laurel Oasis
- 23 location --
- 24 A. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. -- that was money that was paid by Peninsula;

- correct?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 The margin, the .02925 margin for the Laurel
- 5 Oasis location, the margin at this site, since it
- 6 was -- Laurel Oasis was a commission arrangement on
- 7 gasoline, was it not?
- 8 Α. Only on gasoline, yes.
- 9 And on diesel, it was a fixed price in the
- contract, right, for the diesel fuel? 10
- 11 Yes. Α.
- In terms of the margin calculation on gasoline 12
- 13 for Laurel Oasis, the margin would have been the
- 14 difference between the rack price and the retail price;
- 15 correct?
- 16 Α. Less all expenses.
- 17 Less expenses? Q.
- 18 Yes. Α.
- And this .02925 number, that includes, I 19 O.
- 20 assume, both gasoline and diesel?
- 21 Yes, it's everything. Α.
- 22 Q. And in order to obtain that number, what is
- the backup that Mark Greco has for that number? 23
- I went into our accounting system and I 24 A.

- 1 generated a query report from September 1st of '05
- 2 through the last day of purchase, the last purchase
- 3 that they made, and generated a revenue number and a
- 4 cost of goods number and a net income number, which I
- 5 then divided by the gallons.
- 6 And the net income number, is that broken out
- 7 per location or is it broken out generally within the
- 8 organization?
- 9 Α. No. Specific to the site.
- It is, okay. 10 Q.
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 Q. So those are reports that you could produce;
- 13 right?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 MR. STORM: I think that's something else
- 16 we would add to our list.
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: I think you have it.
- 18 MR. STORM: As back-up.
- 19 MR. HUTCHISON: I think Exhibit 75 has
- it. 20
- 21 BY MR. STORM:
- 22 Is that information in Exhibit 75? Q.
- 23 I don't know that the calculation for the A.
- 24 pennies per gallon is in there, but the data is in

- 1 here.
- 2 Q. Show me the data for the margins.
- 3 A. I don't have a calculator in front of me, but
- 4 if you go to -- I just happened to flip to one page --
- 5 it is actually -- there's two stapled packages. Go
- 6 back to the third, which is actually just an individual
- 7 page. Handwritten on it it says "Delmar summary."
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. That is fuel sales, which represents invoices
- 10 that were sent to the Glenns to be paid for fuel.
- 11 Under that is our cost of goods, which
- 12 includes transportation, taxes.
- 13 The one percent discount is something
- 14 that's excluded in their contract, so we back that back
- 15 out. And the cost of the fuel. And that produces a
- 16 net, it says gross profit on the bottom line there, but
- 17 that number needs to be adjusted for the one percent
- 18 discount because that's something that the Glenns
- 19 weren't -- that's not subject to their agreement.
- 20 That's something that we enjoyed as part of the
- 21 contract for payment terms.
- 22 So the difference is -- I don't have a
- 23 calculator sitting here -- but approximately \$30,000.
- 24 Take that number, divide it by the total number of

- 1 gallons over the duration --
- Q. Hold on. Let me stop you a second.
- 3 When the one percent discount was
- 4 subtracted from the cost of goods sold, right,
- 5 initially, you're saying you added it back in?
- 6 A. Yes, we would have -- that's revenue that GLeS
- 7 would have received. Had we continued to supply the
- 8 location, GLeS would have continued to receive
- 9 incentives for prompt payment from our supplier.
- 10 Q. It just reduces your cost, doesn't it,
- 11 ultimately, because you are paying less because you are
- 12 getting a one percent discount off of what you are
- 13 paying?
- 14 A. You could apply it that way.
- 15 Q. I am just trying to right now follow your
- 16 methodology.
- 17 We have the total fuel sales, which are
- 18 the 3,998,347; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And that's the total gross number of the sales
- 21 to the Laurel Oasis location?
- 22 A. No. This is to the Delmar location.
- 23 Q. I am sorry, we are on Delmar now.
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 From that we subtract what you
- 3 determined to be the cost of goods sold?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What backup do you have to support these
- 6 numbers? In other words, the transportation of 42,475,
- 7 where does that number come from other than you hitting
- 8 a button and saying the computer spits it out?
- 9 A. It comes from all the invoices, all the
- 10 payments that were made to the carrier as it relates to
- 11 this location. The accounting system records, every
- 12 time we write a check, it records it.
- 13 Q. So that the four-tenths of a cent that is
- 14 being collected for carrier administration fee, which
- is actually a number that, as a number, doesn't get
- 16 paid to the carrier, right, because --
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure exactly what
- 19 you're saying.
- 20 BY MR. STORM:
- 21 Q. You don't pay the carrier an amount equal to
- 22 .004 per gallon?
- 23 A. An amount equal to or the exact amount?
- Q. That exact amount.

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1 A. If you're asking if there's a line item that

- 2 says .004, I don't believe there is. They itemize all
- 3 their fees.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 My question is, is that 42,475, then,
- 6 wherever you got that number from, if it is actual
- 7 invoices from the carriers, it doesn't match up with a
- 8 .004 per gallon, there is not a charge on the invoice
- 9 from the carrier for that amount?
- 10 A. I don't know that.
- 11 Q. The taxes are what? The 1602.11, what taxes?
- 12 A. That would have been taxes that were not
- 13 collected at the rack. Some states and some products
- 14 collect at the rack. Our suppliers collect and
- 15 others -- and I don't know exactly what this 1600
- 16 was -- but at some point product was picked up at a
- 17 terminal without the tax being collected and we had to
- 18 remit it to the state.
- 19 Q. Then the one percent discount, you've applied
- 20 one percent to what, to the three million 998 number,
- 21 right, to get to 38,000?
- 22 A. This is an actual number that was received for
- 23 actual invoices for these locations. It's not a one
- 24 percent times something. I didn't do a calculation to

- come up with this number. This is the exact number. 1
- 2 Ο. How is that received for those locations?
- 3 Α. Every oil company treats it different. In
- most cases when we receive our EFT debit, they generate
- 5 invoices for us for the product, and then on our EFT
- 6 settlement they make an adjustment for payment terms.
- 7 It is reduced, then, by the one percent
- 8 discount?
- 9 Α. Yes. The amount that they debit our account
- 10 for.
- The amount that you pay the supplier is 11 Q.
- reduced by the one percent? 12
- 13 Yes. Α.
- And then the bottom number for fuel is what? 14 Q.
- That's the actual cost of fuel that we pay the 15 A.
- 16 supplier.
- 17 Now, if I said, Mr. Greco, furnish me with the Ο.
- 18 backup for these numbers that you have just talked
- about, what would you provide me? 19
- 20 All the pages that are attached here
- (indicating). 21
- 22 But there's no backup, for example, on
- transportation charges. 23
- 24 A. No, I don't believe there is. I'd have to go

- 1 back and see if we still have copies of carrier
- 2 invoices.
- 3 Q. That's Delmar. How about for Laurel?
- 4 A. That's also in here. That is further back in
- 5 the package. If you're going from the back of the
- 6 package, there's two stapled packages and then there's
- 7 one loose page also for that. And it's labeled Oasis
- 8 summary.
- 9 Q. How did you do that one?
- 10 A. The same exact methodology. The fuel sales is
- 11 diesel invoices that were sent to the Glenns for
- 12 payment and fuel invoices that we generated for the
- 13 gas. Transportation, taxes, all of that is exactly the
- 14 same. And net of the cost of the fuel transportation,
- 15 et cetera, produced \$30,320.07 in gross profit for that
- 16 location.
- 17 Q. For what period?
- 18 A. For the entire duration of time that we did
- 19 business with them.
- 20 Q. And then you divided that per month?
- 21 A. I divided it by the total number of gallons.
- Q. By the gallons?
- 23 A. Yes. To come up with a cents per gallon.
- 24 O. And then multiplied that times the months

- 1 remaining?
- Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Then that gave you the 81,378.19?
- Α. Yes.
- 5 Q. And that gave you the margin of .02925; right?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 The average margin on the Mobil location of
- 8 .01667, do you see that?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- The contract specified that your margin was to 10 Q.
- be one cent, did it not? 11
- 12 Α. Yes.
- Q. So what's the other 667 for? 13
- 14 Again, payment terms, prompt pay discount was
- excluded from that contract, that the Glenns weren't 15
- 16 entitled to that, we were, and that represents the
- difference. 17
- And is part of that also a factor, that .004 18 Q.
- amount that you have received as a carrier 19
- 20 administration fee?
- 21 Again, there's cost in and cost out. We have
- 22 gone through this over and over and I keep
- 23 saying the same thing. I don't know if you're looking
- 24 for a different answer.

- 1 Q. But that's factored into this, isn't it, as
- 2 part of your margin?
- 3 A. Yes, all of our costs and all of our revenues.
- 4 Q. And again, the supporting documentation for
- 5 the Oasis summary, if I ask you for the supporting
- 6 documentation, in order to calculate the margins and to
- 7 show what all went into that margin calculation, you'd
- 8 be able to print out something; right?
- 9 A. Yes. Yes, I believe so.
- 10 Q. On this same page of Exhibit 13, the equipment
- 11 recapture, I think you've talked about that, and the
- 12 recapture times the months not honored, right, that
- 13 gives you the 17,000?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Are there any other damages that you are
- 16 claiming that GLeS is entitled to?
- 17 A. Just the remaining open balance for unpaid
- 18 fuel, whatever's in their accounts receivable.
- 19 Q. And what is that, what do you believe that
- amount to be?
- 21 A. If you go to the second stapled package, it
- 22 has --
- 23 Q. Of Exhibit 75?
- 24 A. Yes. I'm sorry.

- 1 That is Delmar invoices versus actual
- 2 payments and reflects their open balance, which many,
- 3 many pages back is \$408.61, is the open balance for
- 4 Delmar.
- 5 I'm sorry, it's the very first page.
- 6 The very first section in the front is Oasis summary of
- 7 invoices and payments. If you go to the last page of
- 8 that the remaining open balance is \$35,332.42.
- 9 Q. I take it if you go back to Exhibit 60 -- I'm
- 10 sorry, 66 in your stack there?
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. You recognize that letter, do you not, that
- 13 was the termination letter related to Laurel Oasis?
- 14 A. I received the letter, yes.
- 15 Q. If you look on the second page of that letter,
- 16 various amounts are itemized totaling 39,705.17. Do
- 17 you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Your number that you just gave for this
- 20 location, Laurel Oasis, as reflected in Exhibit 75, the
- 21 35,332.42, that does not give, or does not recognize
- 22 the amounts that the Glenns subtracted pursuant to this
- 23 Exhibit 66; correct?
- 24 A. Yes. I don't know that there's any basis for

1 this, for the amount that they have on this paper.

- Ο. Did you recognize that the Glenns were
- 3 entitled to gas commissions for this location?
- Α. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did you ever pay gas commissions for this
- 6 location?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 Did you ever pay all the commissions that were
- owed for this location? 9
- 10 A. Yes.
- You did? 11 Q.
- A. Yes, sir. 12
- 13 All the way up through the date of this Q.
- termination? 14
- Yes, and they are itemized in Exhibit 75. 15 Α.
- 16 Q. Show me where they are itemized? Is that on
- 17 the first page of the document on the open balance
- where it says "commission"? 18
- That is a journal entry for a period of time 19
- 20 for a portion of the commissions. Actually, some of
- 21 the commissions were deducted automatically by the
- 22 Glenns before remitting funds to us, but this
- represents a portion of it. 23
- 24 The contract actually provided for them

- 1 to collect the money, deduct their commission, and then
- remit the balance.
- 3 So you are saying that 11,536.92 was paid in
- commission?
- 5 It was applied against the money that they A.
- 6 owed us, and that's how the payment was applied. It
- 7 was money earned by them and applied to their open
- 8 balance.
- 9 Ο. On July 31st, 2006?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- Show me where any other commissions were paid? 11 Q.
- They were deducted by the Glenns before 12 Α.
- remitting funds to us. 13
- 14 Q. That's your understanding?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 The amount that you are claiming in Q.
- Exhibit 75, how were credit card fees handled on this? 17
- 18 Exhibit, I'm sorry? Α.
- The 35,332.42 that you claim the Glenns owe 19
- 20 for the Laurel Oasis location, how were credit card
- 21 fees handled?
- 22 I'm not sure I understand. Α.
- Did you believe that for Laurel Oasis that the 23 Q.
- 24 Glenns were responsible for credit card fees or was

- 1 that something that GLeS was responsible for?
- 2 Α. They were responsible for the fees associated
- 3 with the diesel, but not on the gas. The gasoline was
- a sale that we were doing and they were just a
- 5 commissioned agent and we were responsible to pay our
- 6 fees on that.
- 7 And on the diesel fuel, they purchased
- 8 it strictly at a price over cost, and then they, in
- 9 turn, sold it to their customer.
- 10 And is that how, in fact, the relationship Q.
- worked with the Glenns at Laurel Oasis, that you did 11
- not charge them for credit card fees? 12
- 13 Say that one more time. Α.
- Did you or did you not charge the Glenns for 14
- credit card fees at Laurel Oasis on gasoline? 15
- 16 Α. On gasoline?
- 17 Q. Right.
- 18 Α. No.
- So it's your testimony that GLeS absorbed all 19
- 20 the credit card fees on gasoline?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. And that the Glenns were to absorb on diesel?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 Q. Was that pursuant to the contract for that

- 1 location that you assumed from Peninsula?
- 2 A. I don't know if it's specifically explained or
- 3 not. Without going through, I don't know.
- 4 Q. Let me ask you about Exhibit 14.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Have you seen that letter before?
- 7 A. Yes, I have seen this letter.
- 8 Q. You responded to that letter, did you not, in
- 9 Exhibit 15?
- 10 A. Yes, many times.
- 11 Q. Is Exhibit 15 your response?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Now, you say on Exhibit 15 in the response
- 14 paragraph, the big paragraph in the middle, about the
- 15 fourth or fifth sentence, "As you are aware, we have
- 16 made you an extremely competitive offer to extend our
- 17 relationship another ten years"; right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And by this time you were already having
- 20 discussions with GPM, were you not, by March of 2006?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. And then you say, "I believe this shows our
- 23 commitment to you as our customer"; right?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Ο. And did you know what they were talking about
- 2 that monies that they had not received from you where
- 3 Mr. Glenn said in Exhibit 14 that we have not received
- 4 payment of all monies owed and by being overcharged the
- 5 freight?
- 6 Yeah. I read his, what he was asking for, but Α.
- 7 there's no provision in the agreement that says what
- freight is. It's not specifically provided for. 8
- 9 Wasn't he questioning you about that freight
- 10 administration charge that had not been imposed by
- Peninsula? 11
- 12 No. What he was asking was that they told me
- that Eagle had quoted them substantially cheaper rate 13
- 14 to deliver fuel and that we were obligated to use the
- 15 lowest possible freight carrier, which is not a
- provision in the contract. And we actually took the 16
- 17 handwritten piece of paper that didn't have any
- 18 letterhead and went to Eagle and said is this correct,
- 19 and they came back and said, there's no way that they
- 20 could possibly deliver for the price that was on that
- 21 paper.
- What was that paper, the handwritten paper? 22 Q.
- It was a handwritten blank sheet of paper with 23 Α.
- 24 their location and a number written on it that they

- 1 said Eagle could deliver freight for, and quite
- 2 frankly, I couldn't understand how they could. And I
- 3 went to Eagle myself and they said, no, they could not
- do that.
- 5 Ο. Well, the freight rate, there's a specified
- 6 rate per gallon, is there not, to a location from the
- 7 terminal?
- 8 Α. Yeah.
- 9 And in this case, it was, what, about 1.57, or
- 10 something like that?
- I don't know off the top of my head what it 11
- would have been. 12
- On any documentation that the Glenns received 13
- with respect to deliveries to Delmar --14
- Uh-huh. 15 Α.
- 16 -- was the actual freight charge shown on O.
- 17 there?
- 18 Α. I don't believe so. I believe that's why we
- 19 had the other exhibit that we went through earlier that
- 20 broke down what the price was.
- 21 And then you say in Exhibit 15 that you are Q.
- 22 being charged Sweet Oil's applicable delivery to your
- locations, which is not subject to audit under the 23
- 24 contract. I do not see how you could establish if you

- 1 were overcharged when there's no businesses for this
- 2 discrepancy.
- 3 So you didn't believe that they had a
- 4 right to question the amount that you were charging
- 5 them for freight under the agreement?
- 6 I didn't believe that the basis of their
- 7 allegation was correct. What they expressed to me was
- that we had an obligation in the contract to provide 8
- 9 them with the lowest possible carrier and the contract
- 10 doesn't say that.
- The ten-year agreement that you mention in 11 Q.
- 12 here that you made a very generous or competitive offer
- 13 to extend the relationship another ten years --
- 14 Α. Yes.
- -- did you tell the Glenns at that time that 15
- 16 you were contemplating transferring these supply
- 17 agreements to GPM?
- 18 I don't believe at that time we had any firm
- agreements with GPM. I don't know the exact time 19
- 20 frame, but I'm sure that we didn't have anything signed
- 21 at that point.
- 22 MR. STORM: This might be a good place if
- we want to break. 23
- 24 MR. YOUNG: I'll agree.

- 1 (Lunch recess, 12:40 p.m.)
- 2 (Resumed, 1:20 p.m.)
- 3 BY MR. STORM:
- 4 Q. Mr. Greco, let me direct your attention to
- 5 2006, and we are still on the Delmar location.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. An issue developed in 2006 about the credit
- 8 card processing at that site; right?
- 9 A. It actually existed prior to that.
- 10 Q. Ultimately my clients were no longer able to
- 11 process Mobil credit cards; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And that was, I think we talked about this, it
- 14 was due to their system not being able to communicate
- 15 with the Sunoco system; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. If you will look at Exhibit 16, can you tell
- 18 me what that is?
- 19 A. It looks like a page out of a bank statement.
- Q. Do you see the ACH withdrawal that is the
- 21 third from the bottom, the Sunoco payments?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And then there's a note, somebody's note
- 24 there.

- 1 Do you recognize that?
- Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is that yours?
- A. Yes, I believe it is.
- 5 Q. And it says, "Sunoco unauthorized debit of
- 6 Mobil incentives"?
- 7 Α. Correct.
- 8 What is that? Q.
- 9 That was, Sunoco went into our checking
- account and debited the amount of the incentive 10
- payments for Delmar and Duck-In, just took the money 11
- 12 out of our account.
- 13 That was in, it looks like, March of probably Q.
- 2007; right? 14
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 And your view was that Sunoco wasn't
- 17 authorized to do that; right?
- 18 Α. Correct.
- Let's look at Exhibit 17, and the next 20 or 19
- 20 so exhibits, I think, are really e-mails that came
- 21 from, was part of the document production.
- 22 Α. Okay.
- 23 So I'm going to have you identify most of Q.
- 24 these, but I'm going to try not to spend any more time

- 1 on them than we have to.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 17, and I think you
- 4 previously mentioned Dolores Love was the Sunoco rep;
- 5 right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And this was a memo or an e-mail from you to
- 8 Dolores Love; right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Dated December 16, 2005?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And just one clarification, all of these, I
- 13 think, or a lot of these have Kimberly Kelly's name,
- 14 and I'm assuming she is somebody who printed them out?
- 15 MR. HUTCHISON: I actually can explain
- 16 that. She is my secretary and when things were sent to
- 17 me, I simply sent them to her to print, and so that is
- 18 an addition that is not part of the original.
- 19 MR. STORM: Understood. That's what I
- 20 assumed happened. I just wanted to clarify that.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I see a reference, you had
- 22 asked before about Deepwater.
- 23 BY MR. STORM:
- Q. Right.

- 1 Α. That was a Coastal branded location that we
- 2 made an offer to supply when his contract ran out, but
- 3 we eventually never did supply, he was never a Sweet
- 4 Oil customer.
- 5 Ο. Then you say, "I understand the rebranding
- 6 cost from Mobil to Sunoco can come from a program, but
- how about the ones entitled to Mobil money which is 7
- 8 contractually passed from us to the dealers? Will that
- 9 continue until it is done?"
- 10 What were you referring to there?
- Sunoco had offered an additional incentive for 11 Α.
- the Glenns to convert from Mobil to Sunoco, and what I 12
- 13 was asking was would they continue to receive the money
- 14 that was due under the original Mobil agreement, plus
- the additional incentive. That was the question. 15
- 16 Ο. And what did she say?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 And that was if they signed a longer-term Q.
- contract; right? 19
- 20 Α. Yes.
- And then the reference in the last paragraph 21
- to the EOL issue, what is that? 22
- 23 End of life issue. Α.
- 24 O. What's that refer to?

- 1 Α. That was, some time in 2005, ExxonMobil
- 2 started sending out letters to all ExxonMobil dealers
- 3 that were on their, I think they call it a tandem, or
- 4 whatever their platform is that processed credit,
- 5 saying that that platform was going to be eliminated at
- 6 some point, and they gave a series of different dates,
- 7 which I guess were pushed back at different times.
- 8 But the eventuality was that that
- 9 platform was going to be discontinued and everyone was
- 10 going to have to go to another platform, which
- eventually became the Sunoco platform. 11
- Weren't credit cards being processed through 12 Q.
- 13 Sunoco already for the Mobil cards, or how was that
- 14 being done?
- It was being done, the actual credits were 15
- 16 being paid to us by Sunoco, but Sunoco was receiving
- 17 them somehow through Exxon, ExxonMobil's network. And
- 18 I think they actually had a third-party provider.
- 19 Go to the second page of this. Dolores Love
- 20 is saying that they are still working, with the
- economic group to finalize a Sweet Oil deal, which will 21
- 22 cover all conversions you make to Sunoco.
- 23 Do you see that?
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. Did you ever reach any agreement with Sunoco
- 2 about that?
- 3 A. We did, but we didn't convert any of the sites
- 4 to Sunoco. Without the gallons from the Delmar
- 5 location, the other two remaining Mobil branded sites
- 6 didn't qualify.
- 7 Q. In the middle of this page, she says, "In the
- 8 meantime, you have the one Mobil EOL situation. I
- 9 would recommend that we bag the sign and change the
- 10 station over to Sunoco."
- 11 Was that the Glenns location she is
- 12 talking about?
- 13 A. Yes. Because their credit card processing
- 14 system, cash register, whatever it was, was not
- 15 compatible, that's what she was referring to with the
- 16 end of life situation.
- 17 Q. How about Exhibit 18?
- 18 A. That was, after numerous conversations where
- 19 the current contract did not provide what the Glenns
- 20 believed that it did, requiring the lowest possible
- 21 carrier -- I don't know the exact, what their request
- 22 was, but this actually gave them or proposed to give
- 23 them the ability to go out and find their own trucking
- 24 company.

- Q. Wasn't the Glenns complaint about the freight,
- 2 that the freight was so much higher with GLeS than it
- 3 had been with Peninsula?
- 4 A. I don't know that it was so much higher. I
- 5 mean that's kind of a -- I don't know -- a generality.
- 6 I think it may have been different. I don't know. I
- 7 don't know what Peninsula was being charged or what
- 8 they were charging the Glenns. It's possible that they
- 9 weren't even charging what Eagle was charging them. I
- 10 have no idea.
- 11 Q. In the conversations that you had with the
- 12 Glenns about the freight, that was the complaint,
- 13 wasn't it, that the freight was higher now since GLeS
- 14 took over?
- 15 A. I guess they were not happy that we changed
- 16 carriers, but Eagle was not capable of serving our
- 17 entire network and when we went out and bid, we got the
- 18 best carrier that could satisfy all of our customers as
- 19 best as possible.
- Q. How about 19, can you identify that for me?
- 21 A. Yes. That's an e-mail from John Collins, who
- 22 was one of the employees in our office. And this is
- 23 talking about what would be necessary in order to bring
- the Glenns' Delmar location up to the compatibility

- 1 with Sunoco's network.
- 2 Q. And this is in December that he is saying that
- 3 he spoke with Vern at JCV and gave him the go-ahead to
- 4 order the materials to convert the site to Sunoco's
- 5 network; right?
- 6 A. Yes. Vernon is the owner of JCV, or one of
- 7 the owners of JCV. And he came back, and I don't
- 8 remember the exact price, but it was a very small
- 9 amount, a couple thousand dollars was all that was
- 10 necessary. And anticipating that because it was such a
- 11 small amount of money that he didn't think the Glenns
- were going to have a problem with it, he told them to
- 13 go ahead and order it and then later we had to cancel
- 14 it.
- 15 Q. His e-mail was in response to your e-mail just
- 16 before that that said we are going to be Sunoco; right?
- 17 A. Yes, at that time I believe we were.
- 18 Q. Where you gave him the go-ahead?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. That was obviously without having reached any
- 21 agreement with the Glenns about Sunoco?
- 22 A. We actually were going back and forth, myself
- 23 and Bill, and I think there are several e-mails that
- 24 discuss that.

- 1 Q. How about Exhibit 20?
- 2 A. Yes. This was a correspondence from Dolores
- 3 at Sunoco back to me.
- 4 Q. And this is in December, right, her telling
- 5 you what you are supposed to be doing in order to be
- 6 getting the incentive money; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So obviously at this time you hadn't yet
- 9 submitted any request to get the Mobil incentive money?
- 10 A. Yeah. Upon completion of a quarter, there's a
- 11 form that gets filled out, and December would have been
- 12 the end of the quarter.
- 13 Q. Were the Glenns taking other credit cards at
- 14 the Delmar location, do you know?
- 15 A. I believe they were accepting Fuel Man. I'm
- 16 not sure about others.
- 17 Q. So they were still able to process, even after
- 18 the Mobil card was cut off, they were still processing
- 19 credit cards; right?
- 20 A. Yeah, bank cards and -- I'm sure some other
- 21 cards.
- 22 Q. Can you identify Exhibit 21 for me?
- 23 A. Yes. This is an e-mail from myself to Bill.
- 24 Q. Among other things, you say in the paragraph

- 1 at the bottom of the page, "If you elect to stay on the
- 2 ExxonMobil system, which I do not recommend, it will
- 3 cost you approximately \$4,500, and you will eventually
- 4 need to move to the Sunoco system anyway since Sunoco
- 5 owns your Mobil contract."
- And then you say, "I would suggest we
- 7 make a complete conversion to the Sunoco POS at the
- 8 same time we convert your signage, et cetera, so
- 9 there's no confusion on the customers' part."
- Now, what did you mean by that, that
- 11 there wasn't any confusion?
- 12 A. Well, there's an expectation of a customer
- 13 carrying Mobil plastic, Mobil credit cards to be able
- 14 to accept a Mobil card at a Mobil station. The same
- 15 with Sunoco. And if we were to brand the site Sunoco,
- 16 the customer with Sunoco credit cards would expect that
- 17 it would be accepted, so we should make one complete
- 18 conversion all at one time.
- 19 Q. And in order to make this conversion, it was
- 20 going to cost \$4,500; is that right?
- 21 A. Approximately.
- Q. 22, another e-mail?
- 23 A. I don't have a 22. I have a 21, 23.
- 24 Wait a minute, it's stapled to this one.

- 1 Q. All right.
- 2 A. This is another e-mail correspondence between
- 3 myself and Bill Glenn.
- 4 Q. 23, how about 23?
- 5 A. Same.
- 6 Q. By this time, Speedpass was already turned
- 7 off?
- 8 A. Speedpass and debit.
- 9 Q. Do you know at the time that the Delmar
- 10 location was converted to a Mobil station in 2002,
- 11 whether all of the credit card processing equipment at
- 12 that time was new equipment to allow the Mobil credit
- 13 card and Speedpass to be used?
- 14 A. I honestly don't know. I wasn't there in
- 15 2002.
- 16 Q. And then in the second paragraph, you say, "In
- 17 addition, Sunoco purchased your Mobil supply agreement
- 18 and intends to convert your Mobil, as well as all other
- 19 Mobils."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Was that a true statement?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 O. 24, do you recognize that letter?

- 1 A. Yes. That's a letter from Charlie Glenn to my
- 2 office.
- 3 Q. And did you respond to that letter?
- 4 A. Yes, I did.
- 5 Q. How about, in this letter, Mr. Glenn asks when
- 6 we can expect to receive our Mobil incentive money.
- 7 Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. I assume there had been no multiple incentive
- 10 money paid as of April 18th of 2006?
- 11 A. I don't know that to be the case. It doesn't
- 12 say if any previous payments were made or not and
- 13 without documentation, I couldn't tell you if it was.
- 14 Q. 25, can you identify that for me?
- 15 A. This is an e-mail from Dolores at Sunoco to
- 16 myself and Ben LeRoy.
- 17 Q. Below this is an e-mail from Dolores Love to
- 18 Jeff Byard at Sunoco; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Where she is saying, "Jeff, one of the Sweet
- 21 Oil dealers is giving Sweet a hard time about
- 22 everything. They want something in writing that proves
- 23 to them that Sunoco has the right to convert him."
- 24 Do you see that?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- Ο. Then at the end of that it states, "But what
- 3 is my next move if he doesn't want to convert to
- Sunoco?"
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 You would agree, would you not, Mr. Greco,
- 8 that the Glenns and their entities didn't have an
- 9 agreement with Sunoco; Sunoco wasn't a party to any
- 10 agreement that they were in?
- 11 Α. Not directly.
- 12 And then as a result of this e-mail, Sunoco Q.
- 13 was going to have their lawyer look into all this;
- right? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- And that's Dick Gaines, is it not? 16 Ο.
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 26 appears to be an e-mail back to Dolores 18 Q.
- from you saying that a letter from Sunoco's lawyer 19
- 20 would help; right?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Because this dealer thinks he can choose to
- 23 rebrand or not?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And 27 is what?
- 2 A. It is an e-mail message from myself to Bill
- 3 Glenn.
- 4 Q. With fee schedules on the Sunoco, what, credit
- 5 card processing?
- 6 A. I believe it was, it was the cost of the
- 7 satellite rental for processing credit and other credit
- 8 card fees.
- 9 Q. Let me ask you, your Exhibit 27 goes to, what
- 10 pages are included in 27?
- 11 A. One, two, three, four, and then one that
- 12 doesn't have a number.
- MR. HUTCHISON: I think it goes to 236 in
- 14 terms of the Bates numbers, just for point of
- 15 reference.
- MR. STORM: Mine has some additional
- 17 pages here.
- 18 BY MR. STORM:
- 19 Q. Let's look at 28, tell me about that, what is
- 20 that?
- 21 A. This is a letter from myself to Bill and
- 22 Charlie Glenn.
- 23 Q. Dated May 16th, 2006; right?
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. In this letter, the second paragraph, it says
- 2 that if you choose not to extend, Sunoco will still
- 3 rebrand; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Is that what Sunoco was telling you, that it
- 6 was going to rebrand this site?
- 7 A. Yes, that it was going to go from Mobil to
- 8 Sunoco and they had a choice, they could either just
- 9 run the balance of the existing contract term, or if
- 10 they accepted the additional incentives, they wanted us
- 11 to issue a new contract for a new ten-year term.
- 12 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 29.
- 13 Is this the letter that Sunoco generated
- in response to your earlier e-mails?
- 15 A. I believe it is.
- 16 Q. This was, if you will, a friendly letter from
- 17 Sunoco, wasn't it, that you could pass onto the
- 18 Glenns --
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. -- that describes Sunoco's position on this;
- 21 right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And at the end of this first page, Mr. Byard
- 24 says, "The agreement you have, or your assignor

- 1 Peninsula Oil had, with Delmar is and always has been,
- 2 subject to this brand change right"; right?
- 3 A. Where is that at?
- 4 Q. At the bottom of Page 244.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. But they are talking about the agreement
- 7 between Peninsula and Tosco; right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection. When you
- 10 said "the agreement between Peninsula and Tosco," I
- 11 don't think that's what it refers to.
- 12 MR. STORM: Actually, you might be right
- 13 now that I look at it.
- MR. HUTCHISON: Thank you.
- 15 THE WITNESS: "The agreement you have, or
- 16 your assignor Peninsula had, with Delmar."
- 17 BY MR. STORM:
- 18 Q. Do you know what agreement he is talking
- 19 about, whether he is talking about the distributor
- 20 agreement or whether he is talking about the dealer
- 21 agreement?
- 22 A. It sounds like it is the dealer agreement.
- Q. But obviously you didn't write the letter;
- 24 right?

- 1 A. No. It's from Sunoco.
- 2 Q. And he then says, "Sunoco has advised you that
- 3 your remaining Mobil accounts must be converted
- 4 immediately"; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Then the next exhibit, Exhibit 30, Dolores
- 7 writes back to you and says, "Mark: How did you make
- 8 out with the letter from Jeff?", right, which I'm
- 9 assuming is that letter we just looked at; right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Then she says, "I saw Scott Cheek today in a
- 12 meeting and he said he finally is able to shut off the
- 13 EOL platform, that they did allow some stragglers extra
- 14 time, but it is over tomorrow."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. This is something that Sunoco was in control
- 18 of, was it not?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 MR. YOUNG: Objection to form.
- 21 BY MR. STORM:
- 22 Q. Then when you write back and say, "Dolores,
- 23 thanks for the preview. I will not circulate outside
- 24 the office. I will keep it to myself and partners."

- What does that mean?
- 2 A. Where do you see that? Oh, down below?
- 3 Q. At the bottom, right.
- 4 A. That must be referring to some previous
- 5 correspondence that we had.
- 6 Q. You are talking about the letter, is that what
- 7 you are talking about?
- 8 A. I don't know. It doesn't say.
- 9 Q. When you say, "They may not react until it
- 10 becomes real. They may not believe us that it is going
- 11 to go away, " what are you talking about there?
- 12 A. That was the end of life of the credit card
- 13 platform. Originally ExxonMobil issued a date and then
- 14 another date and then Sunoco gave us a date, and there
- 15 were several extensions of that date, and I think
- 16 that's what is being referred to at the top of
- 17 Exhibit 30, that they allowed some additional time for
- 18 stragglers, but it is over tomorrow. That means that
- 19 it's not going to be extended any further.
- 20 Q. And when you say that ExxonMobil issued a
- 21 letter --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- did you see a letter like that from
- 24 ExxonMobil?

- 1 Α. I actually spoke to John Evans, the controller
- for Peninsula Oil, who told me that they had received
- 3 correspondences from ExxonMobil that they had passed on
- 4 to the Glenns letting them know that this was coming.
- 5 And I don't know what the original date of the end of
- life was proposed to be, but all of our correspondences 6
- 7 came through Sunoco.
- 8 How about 31? Ο.
- 9 It's an e-mail correspondence from Dolores at
- 10 Sunoco to myself.
- Saying, "The site has been shut off. What is 11 Ο.
- the status on your end"; right? 12
- 13 Α. Correct.
- If the Glenns had spent this \$4,500 that you 14
- were telling them to spend, would Mobil cards still 15
- 16 have been processed at that time?
- 17 Yeah, I believe so. Α.
- But only until February; right? 18 Q.
- Yes, I believe so. 19 A.
- 20 MR. YOUNG: Point of clarification,
- 21 February of '07.
- 22 BY MR. STORM:
- 23 February of '07. Q.
- 24 Α. Yes. As part of the conversion from Mobil to

- 1 Sunoco, Sunoco was picking up the cost of anything to
- 2 make it accept Sunoco, including the reimage of the
- 3 station, the signs, the colors, the painting, all those
- 4 things.
- 5 Q. Was this end of life issue an issue that was
- 6 unique to sites that were going to go from Mobil to
- 7 Sunoco?
- 8 A. I believe it was, yes.
- 9 MR. YOUNG: Can you read back that
- 10 question and answer.
- 11 (The question and answer were then read
- 12 back by the reporter.)
- 13 BY MR. STORM:
- Q. Exhibit 32, can you identify that?
- 15 A. Yes. This is a letter from Charlie Glenn to
- 16 myself or to our company.
- 17 Q. He is asking, A, when do you intend to remove
- 18 the Mobil brand; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And then he is asking when can they receive
- 21 their Mobil incentive money; right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. So this is May of 2006 and you have been in
- 24 the contract since, what, September of '05; right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And they are writing to you asking when they
- 3 can receive their monies, and he says, Third request,
- 4 first from letter dated 3-15-06, second from letter
- 5 dated 4-18-06.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. I think the next exhibit, Exhibit 33, responds
- 9 to that letter; right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. It was your position, was it not, that this
- 12 whole change from Mobil to Sunoco was something that
- 13 the FTC had somehow mandated?
- 14 A. Yeah, that's the way I understood it to be.
- 15 Q. But you know now that wasn't the case; right?
- 16 A. I don't know that.
- 17 Q. Well, have you ever seen a document that says,
- 18 from the FTC, that the Mobil brand has to be changed to
- 19 Sunoco?
- 20 A. No, I haven't.
- 21 Q. What basis did you have for making that
- 22 statement in this letter of June the 5th of 2006?
- 23 A. We were instructed by Sunoco that they were
- 24 converting all the Mobil sites in the Mid-Atlantic

- 1 area, that they had purchased the rights to supply
- those locations.
- 3 And that's how you interpreted what they had
- 4 told you?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- Then you say that Sunoco's market share should 6 Q.
- 7 help them feel good about the conversion, right, do you
- 8 see that at the end of the first paragraph?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that market share was the document we
- already talked about? 11
- 12 Α. The Lundberg report that was produced by
- 13 Sunoco, yes.
- And that was supposed to make them feel good 14
- that Sunoco had a lower market share? 15
- 16 They had a substantially larger market share
- 17 than Conoco did, who was the Mobil supplier.
- But not the combined ExxonMobil market share? 18 Q.
- 19 Α. The ExxonMobil that's listed on there was
- 20 Exxon, not Mobil. So to get the Mobil brand, you had
- 21 to look at the Conoco listing on that report.
- 22 Q. Because that's what you were referring to?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 But anything with Conoco, to the public in

- 1 this area, in the Mid-Atlantic region, at least in
- 2 Delaware and Maryland and Virginia and District of
- 3 Columbia, the public saw the Mobil sign, right, they
- 4 didn't see a ConocoPhillips sign?
- 5 Correct. All the Mobil branded sites were
- 6 supplied through a Conoco agreement.
- 7 So unless the public was attuned to the fact
- that the sign that said Mobil was really Tosco to 8
- 9 ConocoPhillips, later Sunoco, that the public would see
- 10 a Mobil sign; right?
- Yeah, the public would see the Mobil sign. 11 Α.
- But what this is referencing is the Lundberg report, 12
- 13 which describes market share, and the Mobil branded
- 14 market share was listed as Conoco on that report.
- So in your mind, in terms of this being a good 15 Q.
- 16 thing, it was that you should be looking at the
- 17 ConocoPhillips market share, not the ExxonMobil market
- 18 share?
- 19 Α. Correct.
- 20 Q. I think we established earlier, though, that
- the ExxonMobil customer could use the ExxonMobil card 21
- at ConocoPhillips Mobil stations? 22
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 O. Such as the Delmar station?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Ο. Then later at the bottom of this letter, in
- 3 the fourth paragraph, you say that, "This is not the
- 4 case, as Mobil has become Sunoco in the Mid-Atlantic
- 5 states by FTC decree."
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 You are telling Mr. Glenn that they have no
- 9 say in whether they want the Sunoco brand, right, isn't
- 10 that what you are saying in this letter?
- The way that it was explained to us was that 11 Α.
- the FTC had to qualify the successor. Originally at 12
- 13 the time of the ExxonMobil merger and divestment and
- 14 then all future successors down the line to Sunoco.
- 15 And the FTC qualified and approved Sunoco to be that
- 16 successor.
- 17 And you are saying that for some reason that
- 18 was going to negate the right that the Glenns had in
- 19 their contract to have any say in the brand at their
- 20 station?
- As it was explained to us by Sunoco, that they 21
- 22 were rebranding all of the sites in that Mid-Atlantic
- 23 area.
- 24 Ο. And Sunoco told you, this is what we are

- 1 doing; right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- BY MR. STORM:
- 5 Exhibit 34. Another e-mail; right? Q.
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Q. This one to Dolores Love?
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 And you say, "They refuse to respond to my
- letters and e-mails." This is on June the 9th, 2006? 10
- 11 Yes. Α.
- "We are keeping pressure on them to rebrand." 12 Q.
- 13 Yes. Α.
- Well, they weren't refusing to respond, were 14
- 15 they, they were corresponding with you? You had just
- 16 gotten a letter from them dated May 22nd when they were
- 17 asking where is our money?
- 18 They were corresponding, but they weren't
- 19 answering the question whether they were going to
- 20 accept the Sunoco incentive to convert. There was just
- 21 non-response.
- 22 On Exhibit 35, June 20th, '06, Mr. Glenn
- writes to you and makes it very clear that it is not 23
- 24 their intention to change to Sunoco; correct?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Ο. And he disputes your position about the FTC
- 3 decree; right?
- Α. Yes.
- 5 And then he tells you that they spent four Q.
- 6 years building up the ExxonMobil credit card base?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 And then he says in the next paragraph that Q.
- 9 you have been overcharging on freight and that you
- 10 failed to pay us three cents per gallon incentive money
- due us for the last ten months; right? 11
- 12 Α. That's what it says.
- 13 And your letter states you intend to pay us Q.
- 14 only two cents per gallon, do you see that?
- I don't know that we intend to pay them 15 Α.
- 16 anything. Whatever they were due is what we would have
- 17 paid them. It was just a typo or something.
- 18 But do you agree that by June of '06 you
- 19 hadn't paid them any incentive money?
- 20 No. Any money that we had received from
- Sunoco after the notice that Sunoco gave us that they 21
- 22 were in breach went into escrow and we still hold that
- 23 money.
- 24 My question is, as of June 20th of '06, had

- 1 you paid them any incentive money?
- Α. I don't know that.
- 3 Exhibit 36, another e-mail from Dolores Love.
- Dolores Love is saying that my clients are in violation
- 5 of their contract; right?
- 6 MR. YOUNG: Objection to the form, unless
- 7 you are just asking what the e-mail states.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Can you state the question
- 9 one more time?
- BY MR. STORM: 10
- Miss Love states that, "Now that they are not 11 Q.
- processing credit cards, they are in violation of their 12
- 13 contract. You should no longer supply them
- 14 Mobil-branded gas and the sign needs to be bagged until
- 15 we get it debranded or preferably converted to Sunoco";
- 16 is that right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And after this e-mail of June 20th, did you
- 19 continue to supply them with Mobil-branded product
- 20 after she's telling you not to?
- 21 I don't know what the last day is that we
- 22 supplied.
- 23 On the delivery documents that my clients Q.
- 24 would have received with any motor fuel delivery at

- 1 Delmar, it would have identified the product that was
- 2 being delivered to the site, right, as either Mobil
- 3 product or some other product; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Because it shows the point of origin; right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And that's on the bill of lading and also on
- 8 the invoice; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. 37. Another e-mail from Miss Love; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And then she again tells you you can't even
- 13 deliver Mobil product to the site. Mobil is very
- 14 strict on situations such as this, so we need to move
- 15 quickly.
- And then she says, "He is no longer a
- 17 Mobil dealer. His options are to convert to Sunoco or
- 18 pay all penalties and go unbranded." Right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. So nothing being said up until this point in
- 21 June of 2006 about any other potential brand that you
- 22 indicated you had discussed with the Glenns; right?
- 23 A. No. This is a correspondence from Sunoco.
- 24 They don't have the ability to offer other brands.

- 1 Q. Sunoco is still telling you that it's either
- 2 going to go Sunoco or it's going to go unbranded?
- 3 A. Yeah. But that's not what the intent of the
- 4 letter is. It's going to go Sunoco or not be a Sunoco
- 5 branded site. It can be someone else's brand. By
- 6 unbranded it just meant not Mobil.
- 7 Q. 38. You are writing Dolores back; right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you are copying her on a letter from
- 10 Mr. Glenn regarding their position, which I assume is
- 11 that letter we just talked about, the June 26th letter?
- 12 A. It says June 20th.
- 13 Q. June 28th.
- 14 A. No, the attachment says June 20th. 062006.
- 15 Q. So is that likely the Exhibit 35 letter?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And then you were asking Miss Love to have
- 18 Sunoco's legal department help out with the FTC issue;
- 19 right?
- 20 A. Yes, I was asking documentation from them.
- 21 Q. Then the last thing you say is, "We are all in
- 22 this together and want the same goal to get them
- 23 converted to Sunoco."
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. The next exhibit, 39, is an e-mail that you
- 2 appear to have been copied on from Miss Love to Jeff
- 3 Byard at Sunoco and Dick Gaines, Richard Gaines at
- 4 Sunoco; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Exhibit 40 is an e-mail back to you from --
- 7 well, you are sending an e-mail to Mr. LeRoy and to
- 8 Bill Sweet and John McTear. Who is he?
- 9 A. He was our controller at the time.
- 10 Q. And to Steve Labroli, who was one of your
- 11 lawyers at the time; right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Attaching a memo from Bonnie Chong in the
- 14 Sunoco legal department; correct?
- MR. YOUNG: Objection.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 BY MR. STORM:
- 18 Q. At the bottom of that memo, on the first page
- 19 of that memo that's Page 381, at the bottom, do you see
- 20 that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. She says that with respect to the dealer's
- 23 claim that it is owed incentive money by Sweet Oil,
- 24 that issue does not involve Sunoco and should be

- 1 addressed between Sweet Oil and the dealer.
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A. Where is that?
- 4 Q. The last sentence at the bottom of the page.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. What did you do with this memo after you
- 7 received it? Did you ever provide that to my clients?
- 8 A. I don't know. That's a long time ago.
- 9 Q. The next exhibit, 41, it is an e-mail from
- 10 Dolores Love to you; right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Attaching the documentation for incentive
- 13 payments; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And she is saying no second quarter affidavit
- 16 has yet been received; correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And that's in July; right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Until you submit the affidavit, you don't get
- 21 your money, so the Glenns wouldn't get their money;
- 22 right?
- 23 A. Correct. Because we escrowed the previous
- 24 incentives, we didn't apply for any additional

- 1 incentives until it was resolved.
- Q. When did you first notify the Glenns that you
- 3 were escrowing any monies?
- 4 A. I couldn't tell you.
- 5 Q. If you look at the second page of this e-mail,
- 6 there appears to be another e-mail from Inga Wilson to
- 7 Karl Beckers at Sunoco, you recognize that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Somebody is saying to Karl, 12,222.52 for the
- 10 fourth quarter 2005 was paid on March 28th, 2006.
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And you don't know whether you paid that to
- 14 the Glenns or not; right?
- 15 A. That amount is made up of more than just their
- 16 location.
- 17 Q. Right below that it says, "No first quarter
- 18 '06 credit has been issued yet. I do not have the
- 19 affidavit for first quarter '06."
- 20 MR. YOUNG: I think it says "I do have."
- MR. STORM: Excuse me.
- 22 BY MR. STORM:
- 23 Q. I do have the affidavit in the amount of
- 24 \$5,539.76; right?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 Ο. And then the question, "Am I to hold 4,503.44,
- 3 the amount issued for Duck-In, in error and pay the
- balance? Also are gallons to be paid at two cents per
- 5 gallon. Are all gallons to be paid at two cents per
- 6 gallon"; right?
- 7 Yes. It was a typo on the form. It should
- 8 have been three.
- 9 Ο. Then if you go back to Page 388 of that same
- exhibit, there's an e-mail from Mr. Gaines to Dolores 10
- 11 Love.
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- In Item No. 3, Mr. Gaines said, "The dealer's 14
- right to use the Mobil marks is subject to Peninsula's 15
- 16 rights, which in turn are subject to Sunoco's rights,
- 17 so dealer has no superior right to keep the Mobil mark.
- 18 If his contract with Peninsula somehow said this, which
- I don't know not having seen it, then his complaint is 19
- 20 against Peninsula who had no authority to provide such
- 21 a right to the Mobil mark."
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 And that was in August of 2005, I guess, that

- 1 Mr. Gaines is saying that; is that right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And that was before you even acquired the
- 4 interest in Peninsula; right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Was that in response to a question on the page
- 7 that follows that says, "What happens if one of the
- 8 sites that is still collecting an incentive payment
- 9 refuses to change to Sunoco and wants to remain Mobil
- 10 until the end of their contract?"
- 11 A. That's a correspondence that occurred prior to
- 12 our involvement.
- 13 Q. Was that an issue that you had raised with
- 14 Sunoco prior to the time that the assignment document
- 15 was executed between GLeS and Sunoco?
- 16 A. It may have been. I don't know.
- 17 Q. 42, another e-mail from Miss Love. She is
- 18 saying that, asking you to confirm that the sign has
- 19 been bagged, right, has been covered?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And once that's been resolved, we can move
- 22 forward with either the Sunoco brand or he can pay back
- 23 the penalties and you can offer him BP, that's what
- 24 Dolores Love is saying; right?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- Q. So by this time, you are having conversations
- 3 with Dolores Love about converting it to a BP; right?
- I think she made the assumption BP because we
- 5 had a lot of BP locations, but I think her intention
- 6 was we can offer them something other than Sunoco.
- 7 Then she says he also has issues with getting
- his incentive money and freight rates. I am not 8
- 9 involved with the freight rates but Sunoco did pay you
- 10 the incentive money. Was he confused?
- 11 Do you see that?
- Yes, I see it. 12 Α.
- This was incentive money that she is talking 13 Q.
- 14 about that Sunoco has paid to GLeS, but that GLeS
- hasn't yet paid to my clients; correct? 15
- 16 Α. Yes, that's correct.
- 17 I think Exhibit 43 gets us out of the e-mails. Q.
- 18 Let's look at 43 a minute, and this was
- 19 an announcement that you sent out to your customers,
- 20 was it not, announcing that you have signed preliminary
- 21 agreements with GPM?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- And this is on August 30th of 2006; correct? 23 Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. And by that time, I'm sure that there had been
- 2 communications back and forth between GPM and GLeS over
- 3 trying to reach a potential structure; right?
- Α. Yes.
- 5 And I think I asked you earlier whether the Q.
- 6 price that GPM was willing to pay you, whether that
- 7 price was a price that was allocated per site or per
- 8 supply contract and whether that price ever varied as a
- 9 result of these two sites being taken out of the
- 10 package?
- No, it wasn't allocated by site and, no, there 11 Α.
- was no adjustment for these locations. 12
- 13 Do you remember what the total purchase price Q.
- 14 was?
- 15 At the time we signed the agreement that's
- 16 referenced in here, I don't remember the original
- 17 number, but I know that it changed several times from
- 18 that point forward. There were some further
- negotiations. I don't remember what the number was at 19
- 20 that time.
- 21 What did the number end up being? Q.
- 22 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection. I don't see
- how that's relevant. 23
- 24 MR. STORM: Again, it is relevant to the

- 1 extent, although I guess he said now that the price
- 2 never changed as a result of these two sites coming
- 3 out, so if I understand --
- 4 THE WITNESS: It didn't change because of
- 5 these locations. It changed for other factors.
- 6 BY MR. STORM:
- 7 Q. I think, again, that information -- and you
- 8 and I will have further discussion about this, but I
- 9 think it was within the scope of the document
- 10 request --
- 11 THE WITNESS: Can I clarify a little bit?
- MR. HUTCHISON: No.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 14 BY MR. STORM:
- 15 Q. I will give you an opportunity. If you want
- 16 to clarify it, you said that the price adjusted for
- 17 some other things, I assume?
- 18 A. The original agreement contemplated selling
- 19 all the real estate that Primo held also, and later the
- 20 agreement was changed and Primo retained that real
- 21 estate and just leased it to GPM. So that's the nature
- 22 of the change. Nothing related to these locations.
- Q. With respect to Exhibit 43 where you say there
- 24 will be no immediate brand changes or personnel

- 1 changes, what was that referring to?
- 2 A. That was GPM's intention, at least what they
- 3 disclosed to us was their intention, not to change any
- 4 of the brands of the sites. They were just going to
- 5 continue to do business as usual.
- 6 Q. Did they become a distributor for BP?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. They did?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How about for Sunoco?
- 11 A. No. They were prepared to. I know that they
- 12 actually went through the application process and were
- 13 approved by Sunoco. But because of the breach and the
- 14 gallons and all that, they didn't pursue.
- 15 Q. So they elected not to pursue a
- 16 distributorship, for whatever reason, with Sunoco?
- 17 A. Well, because the gallons weren't there
- 18 without the Delmar location.
- 19 Q. When you say in this announcement, "Our entire
- 20 chain will benefit from GPM's buying power in terms of
- 21 guaranteed supply, better pricing and more competitive
- 22 brand offerings. We anticipate this transition to be
- 23 smooth with absolutely no interruption of service to
- 24 you."

- What are you talking about, better
- 2 pricing?
- 3 A. The company operated many, many convenience
- 4 stores. They had alliances with many of the
- 5 convenience store vendors. Not only the grocery
- 6 vendors, but other soda vendors and chip vendors and
- 7 people that were supplying all of our locations also.
- 8 The way they explained it to us, that they had
- 9 negotiated deals that would be extended to the dealers
- 10 also.
- 11 Q. In connection with the ancillary sales, not
- 12 the motor fuel is what you were referring to?
- 13 A. Yes, related to the stores.
- 14 Q. There seems to be somewhat of a gap between
- 15 August 30th, and then we jump to November 2nd, the next
- 16 exhibit, 44. I believe it is a letter to GLeS and
- 17 Mr. Sweet from Jeff Byard at Sunoco.
- Have you seen that before?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. During the time between the August 30th
- 21 announcement, Exhibit 43, and the date of Sunoco's
- 22 letter, November 2nd, 2006, GLeS continued to supply
- 23 the Glenns' location at Delmar, did it not?
- A. I have to go back and verify the dates.

- 1 Q. Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 47.
- 2 Have you seen that before?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And then Exhibit 48 is a letter from me to
- 5 Mr. Hutchison.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to when
- 8 the relationship ended at Delmar?
- 9 A. Yes, yes.
- 10 Q. So what I'm trying to understand is, between
- 11 the summer of '06 and February of '07 when the
- 12 relationship ended, did your company continue to supply
- 13 motor fuel to the Delmar location?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What type of motor fuel was it?
- 16 A. Without going through records, I couldn't tell
- 17 you what it was. I know the station wasn't branded
- 18 anything, so it would have been whatever product was
- 19 available at the time. Wherever we had allocation.
- 20 Q. Wasn't the Mobil brand still up at that time?
- 21 Maybe I can refresh your recollection.
- 22 A. No. Based on the date of this letter, they
- 23 non-renewed the Mobil agreement in November and we
- 24 continued to supply the Glenns until, based on your

- 1 letter, until the end of January of '07. So it
- couldn't have been Mobil.
- 3 It's possible that the template --
- 4 MR. HUTCHISON: Do you mind if I just, if
- 5 this refreshes --
- 6 BY MR. STORM:
- 7 Look at Exhibit 49, which is an e-mail dated
- January 30th. That might help. 8
- 9 Α. Okay.
- 10 So it wasn't debranded. It was still
- branded Mobil. 11
- Does that at all refresh your recollection as 12
- 13 to what type of product was being sold to the Glenns?
- 14 Yes. If it was still branded Mobil, then we
- would have sold Mobil product to them. 15
- 16 Q. Between August of '06 and this letter of
- 17 November 2nd of '06 from Sunoco to Mr. Byard, had there
- 18 been any more communications that you recall with
- 19 Sunoco given Sunoco's position in the summer of 2006
- 20 that you couldn't sell Mobil gas there any more?
- 21 To the best of my knowledge, I don't think
- 22 there were.
- 23 Q. And I assume that you were engaged to some
- 24 extent during that period following the August

- 1 announcement with trying to finalize things with GPM;
- 2 right?
- 3 A. Yes, due diligence and other activities.
- 4 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 44. Sunoco's
- 5 essentially saying that it is going to non-renew the
- 6 distributor agreement; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And in fact, the distributor agreement between
- 9 Sunoco and Peninsula, which GLeS assumed, had been set
- 10 to expire in 2005, hadn't it?
- 11 A. Yes, September 30th of 2005.
- 12 Q. Let's look at 45.
- 13 Can you identify that for me?
- 14 A. This is a letter from Sunoco to our company
- 15 outlining unamortized balances of the incentive
- 16 payments that they wanted to be repaid.
- 17 Q. And they are advising you that you should tell
- 18 GPM that; right?
- 19 A. Yes. Because it was GPM's intention to become
- 20 a Sunoco branded distributor should the Glenns have
- 21 decided that they were going to rebrand to Sunoco.
- Q. Now, Mr. Byard refers at the bottom of Page 1,
- 23 carrying over to Page 2, "the long dormant Sunoco
- 24 distributor agreement."

- 1 What's that referring to?
- 2 Α. We only had one Sunoco branded site in
- 3 Glasgow, Delaware, which was rebranded to CITGO at some
- point during the duration of the contract, and our
- 5 Sunoco agreement was just never mutually terminated, so
- 6 it just sat dormant.
- 7 So unrelated to this issue, you had had this
- 8 one Sunoco branded location --
- 9 Α. Yes.
- -- that for whatever reason went CITGO? 10 Q.
- Yes. 11 Α.
- And then you didn't have any Sunoco sites, 12 Q.
- 13 although you still had an agreement with them?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Q. And then that agreement was mutually
- 16 terminated at some point?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Exhibit 46 appears to be another letter to you
- from Mr. Byard dated January 23rd, 2007. And this is 19
- 20 the letter telling you to debrand the premises
- 21 immediately; right?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 And then 47 is the document that we already Q.
- 24 talked about from Mr. Hutchison communicating to

- 1 Mr. Snyder, another lawyer for the Glenns, that Sunoco
- 2 January 23rd letter; right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And then 48 is the letter from me to
- 5 Mr. Hutchison, where I appear to spell his name
- 6 incorrectly in at least one place -- and I apologize
- 7 for that -- disagreeing with the position and saying
- 8 that this conduct amounts essentially to -- well, the
- 9 letter says what it says. You had received this
- 10 letter, did you not?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. We talked about 49, and I assume that you did
- 13 in fact go in to my client's site and accomplish the
- 14 debranding; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you did what Sunoco asked to be done?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. This must have also been true, then, at the
- 19 same time for the Duck-In and Delaware City; right?
- 20 A. Duck-In and Deluxe, yes.
- 21 Q. Now, at the end of this e-mail, John --
- MR. HUTCHISON: This is 49?
- 23 MR. STORM: Yes, 49.
- 24 BY MR. STORM:

- 1 Q. Who is John?
- Α. John Collins.
- 3 Q. He is --
- Α. He is an employee or was an employee.
- 5 And John asks whether, on the third page of Q.
- 6 this e-mail -- well, at the bottom he says, "Is Sweet
- 7 Oil still supplying them? If so, what brand fuel is to
- 8 be delivered? Or is GPM supplying them? Also, you
- 9 told me Doughboy's Mobil is to go unbranded with
- another distributor so is Chad supposed to stop 10
- delivering Mobil fuel to them on 2-2-07? Also, what 11
- about daily price notifications for all of these sites? 12
- 13 Do you see that?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- The daily price notifications, what's that 15 Q.
- 16 referring to?
- 17 Whether a dealer buys fuel or not, we send out
- 18 a daily price fax at the end of the day every day when
- 19 prices are announced by each of the oil company
- 20 suppliers, so the dealer knows what the price will be
- 21 for the next business day.
- 22 Q. So that's your price notification --
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 Q. -- to the --

- 1 Α. To the dealer.
- 2 Q. To the dealer, okay.
- 3 On a location that was a commissioned
- 4 marketer location where the dealer isn't buying the
- 5 product, would the dealer still get notifications like
- 6 that?
- 7 Α. I don't believe so. It wouldn't be necessary.
- And I assume that the notification that would 8
- 9 be sent out, for example, to the Delmar location where
- 10 there was a cost plus price term in the contract, that
- that price notification for that location wouldn't 11
- 12 necessarily be the same as the price notification that
- 13 was being sent to somebody else who had a different
- 14 price term?
- 15 No. Every location was different because the Α.
- freight to every location was different. Pickup supply 16
- point may be different. So they were unique to each 17
- 18 site.
- 19 So when you would give, for example, at the
- 20 Delmar location when you do a price notification, would
- that price notification just be -- it would be a price 21
- 22 for the product for that next day and it would include
- the freight? 23
- 24 I believe the price notification included

- 1 everything but taxes. I'd have to go back to the
- 2 system, though, to verify that. I believe that's the
- 3 way it was done.
- And you said that the freight varied from
- 5 location to location?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Based on distance differences from the
- 8 terminal; right?
- 9 Mileage, tolls, any of those factors.
- So those were all factored into the freight 10 Q.
- rates that the freight company was charging to you? 11
- 12 Α. Yes.
- Let's look at 50. That's an e-mail from 13 Q.
- 14 Dolores Love to Mark Greco. "Hi, Mark: Please let me
- know when the penalty for Delmar has been wired." 15
- 16 What is she talking about there?
- 17 At that point, I believe GPM had notified them Α.
- 18 that they were not going to pursue a Sunoco agreement,
- and based on that fact, they knew that the site wasn't 19
- 20 going to be converted to Sunoco. So Sunoco said, if
- 21 it's not going to Sunoco, the fee needed to be paid and
- 22 they wanted it paid prior to our sale to GPM.
- 23 And then at the bottom they say, "See attached Q.
- 24 mutual termination of our Sunoco jobber agreement. As

- 1 part of this, they want the immediate debranding of
- Delmar Mobil due to the credit card violation.
- 3 Additionally, they have waived the Duck-In repayment in
- the amount of 13,720."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Did they in fact waive that? Q.
- 8 Α. No.
- 9 In one of the previous exhibits that we
- went over earlier, I think I labeled it as unauthorized 10
- 11 debit.
- From bank account to bank account? 12 Q.
- 13 A. And they took that fee also.
- Again, that was another document I think we 14
- still need to see, is the mutual cancellation with 15
- 16 Sunoco.
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: I thought it was in
- 18 there.
- MR. YOUNG: Do you want to see it? 19
- 20 MR. HUTCHISON: I thought it was in
- 21 there.
- 22 MR. STORM: I didn't see it.
- 23 Do you have it?
- 24 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

Mark Greco

1 MR. STORM: Let's take a break.

- 2 (Recess.)
- 3 MR. STORM: Let's make this 76.
- 4 (Exhibit 76 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. STORM:
- 7 Q. Mr. Greco, let me show you what's been marked
- 8 as Exhibit 76, which appears to be a mutual
- 9 cancellation agreement.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did you sign that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And you signed it on January 25th of '07?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And Sunoco appears to have signed it on
- 18 February 5th of '07; right?
- 19 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 20 Q. I'm a little confused. This says it is dated
- 21 January 23rd, 2007, and it says it is effective
- 22 January 25th, 2007, and the letter from Mr. Hutchison
- 23 to Mr. Snyder is dated January 29th of 2007,
- 24 Exhibit 47.

- 1 Do you see that?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. And Mr. Hutchison's letter says that BCG,
- 4 Inc., and Chesapeake Products & Services is in breach
- 5 of its obligation to accept Mobil credit cards.
- 6 Sunoco, Inc., will no longer provide Mobil branded
- 7 products to the station.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- Before that letter was sent, you had already 10 Ο.
- terminated or agreed to terminate the relationship with 11
- 12 Sunoco; correct?
- 13 Yes. Α.
- And I take it from what has subsequently 14
- happened with respect to the \$102,000 incentive payment 15
- 16 issue, that the release that's in this document where
- 17 each side mutually releases each other, that somehow
- 18 Sunoco and GLeS does not interpret that as applying to
- 19 this issue?
- 20 Α. No. The incentive agreement was a completely
- separate agreement from the jobber contract, and the 21
- 22 mutual termination discusses termination of the jobber
- 23 supply agreement.
- 24 MR. HUTCHISON: We don't agree with what

- 1 you just said.
- 2 MR. YOUNG: Gary, would you permit me to
- 3 ask a question just for convenience at this point?
- 4 MR. STORM: Sure.
- 5 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 6 Q. Mr. Greco, as you know, I represent Sunoco and
- 7 I just want to ask you a question about P-76.
- 8 P-76, which is the mutual cancellation
- 9 agreement, applies only to the Sunoco branded
- 10 distributor motor fuel agreement and branded distiller
- 11 agreement dated March 21, 2003; correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 14 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 15 Q. You did not supply the Delmar Mobil with Mobil
- 16 fuels and the license to use the Mobil trademark based
- on the Sunoco brand in the distributor motor fuel
- 18 agreement, did you?
- 19 A. I don't know how internally you view that.
- 20 The way it was explained to us was at the time that we
- 21 did the assignment, was we were taking assignment of
- 22 Peninsula's agreement, which only lasted from
- 23 September 1st of '05 to September 30th of '05, and then
- 24 they contemplated an amendment to our Sunoco jobber

- 1 agreement, which would incorporate the Mobil gallons
- 2 into the Sunoco jobber agreement, which was then
- 3 terminated by this.
- 4 Q. This agreement isn't referring to the
- 5 distributor agreement that was assigned to you by
- 6 Peninsula; is it?
- 7 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 8 THE WITNESS: No, it isn't.
- 9 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 10 Q. It was that agreement under which you sold
- 11 Mobil branded product to Delmar Mobil; correct?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Only until September 30th
- 14 of 2005.
- 15 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 16 Q. So it is your position that that agreement
- 17 terminated on September 30th, 2005, the Peninsula
- 18 agreement?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Doesn't Mr. Byard state in one of his letters
- 21 that you agreed to extend that Peninsula agreement on a
- 22 month-to-month basis?
- 23 A. I don't know. You have to show me that.
- Q. I refer you to --

- 1 Α. I don't remember exactly, but I believe we got
- 2 an e-mail from Dolores prior to signing the assumption
- 3 agreement saying that that agreement, that the
- 4 Peninsula agreement was not going to be renewed, that
- 5 they were going to amend our Sunoco agreement to
- 6 include the Mobil gallons in the Sunoco agreement.
- 7 Let me refer you to Plaintiff's Exhibit 45,
- 8 which is the November 27th, 2006 letter from Mr. Byard
- to Mr. Bill Sweet. 9
- 10 35 is from --Α.
- 11 Q. 45.
- Oh, I'm sorry. 12 A.
- 13 I see the letter.
- 14 In this letter do you see where Mr. Byard
- refers at the top of the second page to the long 15
- 16 dormant Sunoco distributor agreement?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 Do you recall Mr. Storm asking you questions Q.
- 19 about that agreement?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 And you indicated that there was one Sunoco
- 22 station that had been converted from Coastal that
- 23 eventually changed brands?
- 24 A. It was Sunoco and went to CITGO, yes.

- 1 Q. Is it your understanding that what Mr. Byard
- describes as the long dormant Sunoco distributor
- 3 agreement, isn't that the agreement that's referred to
- in this mutual cancellation agreement?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 7 MR. YOUNG: That's all the questions I
- 8 have for now.
- BY MR. STORM: 9
- 10 Did you sign another agreement with any other Q.
- 11 mutual cancellation other than this one with Sunoco?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. You did? 13
- 14 A. Yes.
- And when was that? 15 Q.
- 16 A. It may have been the same day. I'm not sure.
- 17 MR. STORM: Do we have that one?
- 18 MR. YOUNG: Let me ask a question, if you
- don't mind. 19
- 20 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 21 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 22 Q. Was that the Coastal agreement?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 Ο. There was another agreement that Sweet Oil had

- 1 with Sunoco which allowed you to sell Coastal-branded
- fuel; correct?
- 3 A. It was actually a Coastal Refining & Marketing
- agreement that I believe was assigned to Sunoco.
- 5 And the other mutual cancellation agreement
- 6 you are referring to canceled that agreement?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. YOUNG: Okay.
- BY MR. STORM: 9
- 10 So were you still marketing under the Coastal Q.
- 11 brand at any location?
- At that time I don't believe we were. 12 Α.
- 13 Q. But Sunoco had assumed the Coastal brand at
- some point? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Q. Do you know when you stopped using the Coastal
- 17 brand?
- I don't know sitting here. I'd have to go 18 A.
- back and research it. 19
- 20 Q. Is that brand still around at all, do you
- 21 know?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 It is? Q.
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Through Sunoco?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 So when we talked earlier about whether there Q.
- 4 was another brand option through Sunoco, Sunoco also
- 5 had a right to the Coastal brand?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 I think we are at 51, if we go back to where
- 8 we were. That's another e-mail from you to Dolores
- 9 Love; right?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- It was this e-mail, right, where you indicated 11 Q.
- that you were going to pay the money, you were going to 12
- 13 file an interpleader action with the court, right,
- 14 because Sunoco was claiming that it was entitled to the
- 15 102,000 back and my clients were claiming they were
- 16 entitled to the balance of the incentive money; right?
- 17 Yes. Our position was it was either Sunoco Α.
- 18 money or the dealer's money, but in either case it was
- 19 our money, so we really didn't take a position on whose
- 20 money it was.
- 21 Had there been any provision in the agreement Q.
- 22 that GLeS had with Peninsula regarding incentive monies
- that had been paid by Sunoco to Peninsula before GLeS 23
- 24 took over? My question is whether there was any kind

- 1 of indemnity provision in that agreement related to
- these incentive monies that had been paid before GLeS
- 3 came into the relationship?
- 4 No, the indemnity agreement was between the
- 5 Glenns and Peninsula and they issued a mortgage on the
- 6 Delmar site as collateral security of that indemnity.
- 7 And in the supply agreement it says that if Peninsula
- 8 had to pay, at that time I guess it was Tosco,
- 9 eventually Sunoco, if they had to pay anything, that it
- would be reimbursed by the Glenns and it was secured by 10
- the mortgage. 11
- Where was that, that agreement? 12 Q.
- It's in their supply agreement for the Delmar 13
- location. 14
- 15 In the agreement between the Glenns and Q.
- 16 Peninsula?
- 17 Exactly. Α.
- 18 The supply agreement that you are referring to
- 19 is the one that we have already talked about, right,
- 20 Exhibit 5?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. There's no other agreement; right?
- 23 Other than the mortgage and security
- 24 agreement.

- 1 Q. And if you go back to Exhibit 5, in Paragraph
- 2 (b), it says that if the dealer breaches any of the
- 3 provisions of this agreement, dealer agrees to
- 4 reimburse the company, does it not?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection. Half a
- 7 paragraph.
- 8 MR. STORM: Yes, there is more to it.
- 9 MR. HUTCHISON: It says what it says.
- 10 MR. STORM: It says what it says.
- 11 BY MR. STORM:
- 12 Q. Among other things, it says that; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. You also indicate in this e-mail to Dolores
- 15 Love that the obligation is secured with a mortgage on
- 16 the dealer site and we will assign our rights to the
- 17 mortgage to the court, also to ensure the dealers'
- 18 obligation if they are found to not be entitled to the
- 19 money.
- Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Has there been any further assignment of the
- 23 mortgage as it was assigned from Peninsula to Primo
- 24 Properties?

- 1 A. No, I don't believe so.
- 2 Q. So right now the holder of that mortgage on
- 3 its face is Primo Properties?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And 52, Dolores writes back and says, Thanks
- 6 for the update. I will forward this to the Sunoco
- 7 people involved. I'll make sure you get copies of the
- 8 mutual; right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. 53 was a page that was produced to us. Was
- 11 this the first page of your Sunoco distributor
- 12 agreement?
- 13 A. Yes, I believe so.
- 14 Q. Just one last question about the Mobil site.
- 15 The damage summary that we have talked about, which is
- 16 Exhibit 13, that contains a summary of all of the
- 17 damages that you are seeking in this action; correct?
- 18 And we can limit it right now, if you want, to the
- 19 Mobil location.
- 20 A. This is, the only damage is related to gallons
- 21 not purchased due to the breach. But if there is, if
- 22 the court determines that Sunoco's entitled to the
- 23 incentives, then pursuant to the agreement, the dealers
- 24 then have to reimburse us for that. But we don't take

- 1 a position on whose money it is. It is the court's
- 2 decision. It is either the dealers' or Sunoco's.
- 3 Q. But other than the Sunoco incentive issue,
- 4 these are all the damages?
- 5 A. And the balance of their accounts receivables,
- 6 which we went over in Exhibit 75, yes.
- 7 Q. Let's move on to some questions about Laurel
- 8 Oasis. Starting with Exhibit 54, which is a group of
- 9 documents that have been Bates stamped SO 94 through
- 10 SO 119. Were those the documents that were provided to
- 11 you by Peninsula as constituting the agreements between
- 12 Peninsula and the Glenns?
- 13 A. Well, several of these are outdated. The
- 14 current agreement is the one dated 1994. Attached here
- 15 are some old agreements that were replaced.
- 16 Q. I take it that all of this was provided to you
- 17 by Peninsula originally?
- 18 A. No, not originally. They gave us the binding
- 19 agreement and at later dates -- I don't remember if it
- 20 was Charlie -- I forget -- one of the Glenns had said
- 21 to us, "No, no, no, there's other additional
- 22 paperwork." And I said, "I got what I got from
- 23 Peninsula." And I believe they furnished us additional
- 24 documents, which actually related to these previous

- 1 agreements.
- Q. Do you see on the fax at the top up there,
- 3 March 23rd, 2006, that fax number?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize that number?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Whose number is that?
- 8 A. That was the fax number at our office.
- 9 Q. And was that an incoming fax or does that show
- 10 an incoming fax?
- 11 A. That actually was, at the time our office
- 12 system wasn't capable of scanning, so we faxed it to
- 13 our scanning system. So it was an internal us to us.
- Q. So at least as of March 23rd, 2006, you had
- 15 all these documents; right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: Well, objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Assuming the date stamp is
- 19 correct.
- 20 BY MR. STORM:
- Q. Do you have any reason to think it is not?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Well, when you say "all
- 23 these documents."
- MR. STORM: The documents --

- 1 MR. HUTCHISON: That have that legend on
- 2 it?
- 3 MR. STORM: Right. Which appears to be
- 4 the first --
- 5 MR. HUTCHISON: Eleven.
- 6 MR. STORM: 94 through 104, anyway.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, we must have received
- 8 them at a different time than the others.
- 9 BY MR. STORM:
- 10 Q. The ones that are starting at 105 --
- 11 A. July 12th of '05, we received other
- 12 agreements.
- 13 Q. And then at the bottom of the page, on 105,
- 14 there's a date January 25th of 2006.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. So is it your position that the documents, all
- 17 the 1990 documents are replaced by the '94 documents?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. Let me direct your attention to the second
- 20 page of that exhibit, which is SO 095.
- 21 A. Okay.
- Q. You agree, do you not, that under the
- 23 agreement that was in place at the time that you
- 24 assumed the contract from Peninsula with respect to

- 1 this location, that gasoline was being handled on a
- commission basis with the Glenns?
- 3 Α. Pursuant to this agreement, is that what you
- 4 are saying?
- 5 Pursuant to any agreement? Q.
- 6 Yes, it was on commission, gasoline only. Α.
- 7 Q. They were actually purchasing the diesel fuel?
- 8 Yes, correct. Α.
- 9 Did you have any conversation with Peninsula Ο.
- 10 about what the terms were other than what was in the
- actual documents and what their course of dealing had 11
- been, what Peninsula's course of dealing had been with 12
- 13 the Glenns?
- 14 As far as the commission? The commissions are
- spelled out in the agreement. 15
- 16 Q. And how about diesel fuel?
- 17 I don't believe that it actually is addressed Α.
- 18 in the agreement, the price of diesel fuel, if I
- remember right. I have to go through it again to 19
- 20 verify that.
- 21 Well, you recognize in the exhibit, on
- 22 Page 95, and I understand that you say that the 1990
- 23 agreement wasn't in place any longer.
- 24 Α. Correct.

- 1 Q. That diesel fuel was to be the posted
- 2 transport price at the time of delivery, do you see
- 3 that?
- 4 A. Where does it say that?
- 5 Q. The top of the document, starting on the
- 6 fourth line.
- 7 A. Yeah. I assume by this statement that
- 8 Peninsula posted a price. That's what it says.
- 9 Q. Then do you see the asterisk that says not to
- 10 exceed Salisbury rack prices by more than
- 11 two-and-a-half cents?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. When you began supplying this location, what
- 14 terms were you supplying the diesel fuel on?
- 15 A. Because it wasn't specifically outlined in the
- 16 agreement that was given to us, the '94 agreement, we
- 17 sold them at the same price as in the Delmar agreement,
- 18 which was a penny over the cost, penny over the rack,
- 19 plus transportation.
- 20 Q. When you added that cost to the freight that
- 21 you were charging, it exceeded two-and-a-half cents,
- 22 did it not?
- 23 A. There was no provision that said that.
- Q. I am just asking you, did it exceed

- 1 two-and-a-half cents?
- 2 A. It probably did. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Do you remember having a conversation with the
- 4 Glenns in the fall of 2005, shortly after you assumed
- 5 these contracts, do you remember visiting the Glenns at
- 6 their stations?
- 7 A. Many times.
- 8 Q. Do you remember having a conversation with
- 9 them about the price term in this contract?
- 10 A. Yes. They told me that there was other
- 11 documents that I didn't have, and I asked them many
- 12 times to furnish them to me and they gave me a lot of
- 13 outdated contracts, previous contracts.
- 14 Q. Including this document; correct?
- 15 A. I couldn't say this one specifically, but they
- 16 gave me documents.
- 17 Q. Didn't they tell you that their deal with
- 18 Peninsula was that the diesel price was not to exceed
- 19 Salisbury rack plus two-and-a-half cents?
- 20 A. It didn't. It was a penny.
- Q. With freight?
- 22 A. It doesn't say that. It doesn't say including
- 23 freight.
- Q. My question is, did they tell you that?

- 1 A. It's possible they did.
- 2 Q. Did you go back to Peninsula and ask about it?
- 3 A. I don't know if I did or not. In the course
- 4 of business, when you have been in this business for
- 5 this long, dealers tell you all kinds of things, but
- 6 you have to go by what's in the written contract.
- 7 That's the only thing that I can follow that is for
- 8 certain.
- 9 Q. Well, you saw in the papers that you
- 10 ultimately received, did you not, the page that is part
- of this same exhibit at 105, which is a letter to the
- 12 Glenns from Mr. Williams of Peninsula Oil dated
- 13 November 15th, 1993, where it talks about the extension
- 14 of the contract, and the last sentence of the letter
- 15 says, "All of the other terms of the 12-13-90 agreement
- 16 remain the same, with the exception of the extension of
- 17 expiration date, which will also read January 31st,
- 18 2008."
- 19 Did you see that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And you never went back to inquire what all
- 22 these other terms were?
- 23 A. Mr. Williams wasn't with the company when we
- 24 purchased this from Peninsula, and this agreement was

- 1 many, many months before the '94 agreement.
- Q. Well, wasn't that letter talking about the
- 3 extension that they were going to enter into, that they
- 4 were going to expend 130,000 toward the purchase and
- 5 installation of new pumps, canopy, console, signage,
- 6 et cetera, needed for the resale of motor fuels?
- 7 A. Yes. But evidently they didn't sign a
- 8 contract back in November. They may have changed other
- 9 terms too.
- 10 Q. Let's look at the page that is SO 100. That's
- 11 an agency agreement dated 2-13-90.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Do you see Paragraph 4 of that agreement?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And the price of the fuel of gasoline will be
- 16 at all times under the absolute control of principal,
- 17 right, except that the price shall be competitively
- 18 priced with locations in that area?
- 19 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What locations did you view as competitive
- 23 with the Laurel location?
- 24 A. Well, there's no other location in their trade

- 1 area that's a truck stop. Their location is unique for
- 2 that area, but in that they sold gasoline, we would
- 3 look at the closest competitors to their site, which
- 4 would be Sunoco directly across from them. I think the
- 5 next closest was Royal Farms and Exxon.
- 6 Q. Okay. So you'd recognize those locations as
- 7 competitive locations?
- 8 A. Yes. Similar.
- 9 Again, none of them were the same.
- 10 There weren't any other truck stops.
- 11 Q. Well, this location didn't just sell trucks,
- 12 did it?
- 13 A. Well, based on the products that we sold to
- 14 them, 75 percent of what we sold to them was truck
- 15 diesel for the truck stop.
- 16 Q. They also sold gasoline for vehicles, didn't
- 17 they?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. What else was at this location? You described
- 20 a truck stop. Tell me what was there?
- 21 A. There were gasoline dispensers on the side of
- 22 the building. There was a truck scale to the right of
- 23 that. There were truck diesel pumps under another,
- 24 second canopy behind the building.

- 1 There was a large convenience store with
- 2 truck-related accessories, I guess you could say.
- 3 There was a Hardee's restaurant, and I believe they had
- 4 other -- they had like a cafeteria of some kind, some
- 5 other type of restaurant in there also, in addition to
- 6 selling regular convenience items.
- 7 When you first took over the supply of that
- location, what was it branded? 8
- 9 It was branded Texaco.
- And then what happened with that? 10 Q.
- Peninsula had a Texaco supply agreement 11 Α.
- through Motiva Enterprise. Motiva Enterprise was a 12
- 13 joint venture between Shelby and Texaco, which later
- 14 was, as part of Chevron's purchase of Texaco, was later
- ordered to be divested by Texaco, and Shelby Oil 15
- 16 purchased Motiva and was no longer going to offer the
- 17 Texaco brand. And I don't know what the exact cut-off
- 18 date was, but there was a date in which all the
- 19 locations had to be converted from Texaco to Shelby
- 20 under that Motiva agreement.
- We didn't have a Motiva agreement, and 21
- 22 we approached the Glenns with the other choices that we
- had before we went out and obtained a Shelby agreement 23
- 24 to rebrand their site from Texaco to Shelby, we offered

- 1 them BP and Exxon and all the other brands that we did
- have.
- 3 And the most interest they had was CITGO.
- 4 I set up several meetings with Terry Sullivan, who was
- 5 the local CITGO rep, and in addition to having meetings
- 6 with just Sweet Oil reps and the Glenns, we also had
- meetings with Terry Sullivan from CITGO and the Glenns, 7
- and the decision was made on their part that they 8
- 9 wanted to be CITGO. So it was converted to CITGO.
- But the contracts weren't modified at that 10 Q.
- time, or were they? 11
- No. No, we were still under the existing '94 12
- 13 agreement.
- When you say that you sold to them the diesel 14
- 15 fuel at the same price that you were selling at the
- Mobil location, is it your testimony that all of the 16
- 17 diesel fuel sales to the Glenns were at rack plus a
- 18 penny, plus freight, plus this freight administration
- 19 cost?
- 20 Α. And taxes.
- And taxes? 21 Q.
- 22 Α. Yes.
- And was that true from the time you first 23 Q.
- 24 started supplying them?

- 1 Α. Yeah, I believe so. To the best of my
- 2 knowledge.
- 3 Q. Did you have a, quote, posted price for
- 4 diesel?
- 5 No, we didn't post our own rack. Peninsula A.
- 6 may or may not have. I don't know. This agreement
- 7 evidently says they did, but we didn't post our own
- 8 price. We picked up product at the posted oil
- 9 company's rack.
- Getting back to that, I asked you whether you 10 O.
- remember a conversation with the Glenns in the fall of 11
- 2005, and I think you indicated there were a lot of 12
- 13 conversations.
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Do you remember ever telling them in any of Q.
- 16 those conversations that you would not abide by the
- 17 contract and lose money?
- I don't know that I ever said we would not 18
- abide by the contract. I would never make that 19
- 20 statement. And it's not our intention to lose money
- intentionally. We wouldn't go into any business deal 21
- 22 with the purpose of losing money. No business would.
- 23 Q. Did you make a statement to them in response
- 24 to them pointing out to you the price term for diesel

- 1 in their contract that you wouldn't sell to them at
- 2 that price and lose money?
- 3 A. There is no term for diesel. It's not in the
- 4 contract. There is no price for diesel.
- 5 Q. Well, there is in the 1990 contract. Whether
- 6 that contract is valid or it's not valid, the Glenns
- 7 pointed out to you in a conversation, did they not,
- 8 that their agreement with Peninsula Oil, that you
- 9 assumed was that they would be supplied diesel at no
- 10 more than rack plus two-and-a-half cents out of the
- 11 Salisbury terminal?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 13 THE WITNESS: We didn't sell to them at
- 14 greater than two-and-a-half cents.
- 15 BY MR. STORM:
- 16 Q. You did when you added the freight?
- 17 A. It doesn't say that. The agreement doesn't
- 18 say that.
- 19 Q. My question is, did they tell you that?
- 20 A. They told me a lot of things.
- 21 Q. Did they also tell you that they were entitled
- 22 to payment of commissions for the gas of yours that
- 23 they were selling for you?
- 24 A. Yes, that's in the agreement.

- 1 Ο. And did you ever pay them commissions in
- 2 September, October, November, or December of 2005?
- 3 A. I don't know if we did or not. I know we have
- 4 existing commission credits on their account applied
- 5 against monies that they owed us, and I know that they
- 6 were taking commissions themselves as the agreement
- 7 provides.
- 8 And how do you know that? Q.
- 9 Α. Because they told me.
- 10 Q. Wasn't the money they were taking out of the
- payments that they were making to you the credit card 11
- fee amounts that were being inappropriately charged to 12
- 13 them?
- 14 There were no credit card fees inappropriately
- taken from them. 15
- 16 So your testimony is it isn't monies that they Q.
- 17 were withholding, for monies that they were paying to
- you did not relate to credit card fees? 18
- 19 If they withheld monies, they were not
- 20 authorized to do so, for credit card fees.
- 21 You agree, do you not, that they were not
- 22 supposed to be paying credit card fees, at least on the
- 23 gasoline?
- 24 A. On the gasoline, that's correct.

- 1 Q. You believe, do you not, Mr. Greco, that the
- 2 applicable agreement with respect to the gasoline was
- 3 this agreement dated March 16th, 1994, correct,
- 4 starting at Page 108?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. If you look at Page 2 of that agreement,
- 7 Paragraph 5 at the top, it says, "Principal shall pay
- 8 to agent no less than once a month on all motor fuel
- 9 sales as dispensed through the equipment of the
- 10 principal as follows: " And then it has the commission;
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And you don't know whether you paid him
- 14 anything or not in September, October, November,
- 15 December?
- 16 A. I don't, because on numerous requests to
- 17 produce journal tapes from the registers and other
- 18 documentation so that we could reconcile their account,
- 19 we got very spotty and incomplete information to
- 20 reconcile their account. And to the best of our
- 21 ability, we attempted to reconcile the account based on
- 22 the gallons that we put in the tank, rather than what
- 23 went through the dispenser, because that was something
- 24 that we could document.

- 1 Q. Is it your testimony that they didn't submit
- 2 weekly summaries to you?
- 3 A. They submitted paperwork that did not meet all
- 4 the requirements that we needed.
- 5 Q. Did you ever discuss with them whether the
- 6 paperwork they submitted to GLeS was the exact same
- 7 paperwork they had been submitting to Peninsula Oil for
- 8 the prior, at least, ten years?
- 9 A. We did have a conversation and they said that
- 10 Peninsula, as a regular practice, was sending someone
- 11 to their site to mechanically read numbers off of the
- 12 pumps. And I don't know how they were doing their
- 13 reconciliation based on that because the mechanical
- 14 meters are inconsistent and tend to fail frequently.
- 15 Q. And the documents that you wanted them to
- 16 submit to you were the Veedor root readings?
- 17 A. The Veedor root, the Ruby itself, the cash
- 18 register Ruby produces a report, in addition to other
- 19 documents that we asked them for.
- 20 Q. Look back at Exhibit 55. Can you identify
- 21 that for me?
- 22 A. It's something they must have submitted to us.
- 23 Handwritten numbers.
- 24 Q. If you look at Page 1053, is that the type of

- 1 document that you were looking for from them?
- 2 Α. It's one of them. This specifically gives
- 3 readings on what I believe were the diesel pumps, but
- not the gas pumps. The gas systems ran through the
- 5 Ruby system out front and it prints a different type of
- 6 report than this.
- 7 On Page 1054 when it is talking about unleaded
- 8 premium and mid, what is that showing us for product
- 9 totals?
- I don't know what machine this came off of, 10 Α.
- but this is incomplete. 11
- 12 What we requested was the journal tape
- 13 from the Ruby system so we could validate all the
- 14 sales.
- 15 Well, you knew how much gas was being Q.
- 16 delivered to their location; right?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 Q. Because you were delivering it; right?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Q. And presumably if you are making another
- delivery, right, they have sold the gas that you have 21
- 22 just delivered before that; right?
- You would think. You would hope. 23 Α.
- 24 Ο. Look at 1056, that same exhibit.

- Which is a handwritten note that 1
- 2 says "gas payment for week ending 9-27-05, less credit
- 3 card fees charged by mistake from 9-12-05 to 9-17-05."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- 6 Ο. When you were talking about monies that they
- 7 were deducting, is that what you were referring to?
- 8 Α. No.
- 9 Ο. Who handled the bookkeeping at your shop for
- the Glenns' location? 10
- 11 We had four individuals in the accounting Α.
- department. Each handled different functions. One 12
- 13 handled accounts receivable, one accounts payable. Our
- 14 controller was John McTear, who oversaw the accounting
- 15 department.
- 16 Ο. What are the names of the other people?
- 17 Α. Andrea Soliday, Michelle LaBorde, Aaron
- 18 Johnson.
- 19 Q. Is there somebody named Chad?
- 20 A. Chad was our dispatcher.
- 21 Was Chad responsible for getting information Q.
- 22 too?
- 23 Sure, he made many calls requesting Α.
- 24 information, but he wasn't in the accounting

- 1 department.
- 2 Ο. Who is responsible for setting retail prices
- 3 on gasoline at this site?
- Α. My partner, Bill Sweet.
- 5 Ο. And how did he do that, how was that handled?
- 6 Α. On any given day, we look at what our cost is.
- We look at other competitive information that we can 7
- 8 obtain either through Opus or for other brands that we
- 9 supply. We look at surveys of street prices of
- 10 competitive stations. We look at what our costs are
- related to the site. In this case we had a commission 11
- agreement, so that would be a factor. We look at any 12
- 13 number of factors that affect our profitability at the
- location, and then we make an educated decision based 14
- on the information that we have. 15
- 16 Was there any particular margin you were
- 17 looking for from gasoline sales at this location?
- 18 No, not specifically. I mean in every
- 19 location obviously you are in business to make money,
- 20 so you try and remain on the profitable side of zero,
- 21 but at the time that we took over this location, the
- 22 first hurricane hit, I believe, two or three days prior
- to our takeover and the gasoline market was more 23
- 24 volatile than I have ever seen in my 30 years in this

- 1 business and prices were changing hourly, let alone
- 2 daily. And they weren't changing a penny at a time,
- 3 they were changing 20 cents at a time.
- 4 And shortly thereafter, I believe maybe a
- 5 month later, the second hurricane hit, and that
- 6 contributed to allocation issues and overlifting
- 7 penalties and extreme volatility in price on the
- 8 street. And that took months to recover from.
- 9 You wouldn't have expected the Glenns to
- 10 continue to sell your gas without being paid the
- commissions that they were entitled to, would you? 11
- 12 Α. No.
- Did you recognize that GLeS was responsible 13 Q.
- 14 for maintaining the equipment at the site?
- 15 Α. The gasoline equipment, yes.
- 16 As opposed to what other equipment? Q.
- 17 Well, because they were commissioned operators Α.
- 18 on the gasoline pumps, it was our responsibility to pay
- 19 the cost related to the gasoline pumps.
- 20 Ο. How about diesel?
- No. They purchased fuel from us and then they 21
- 22 in turn resold it to the public and they captured all
- the margins. 23
- 24 Q. Is diesel fuel considered motor fuel?

- 1 A. It is one of many types of motor fuel.
- 2 Q. And if you will look in the commissioned
- 3 agency agreement at Paragraph 12, the one that you
- 4 recognize as being the agreement -- it's at Page 110 --
- 5 Paragraph 12, second sentence says, "Motor fuel
- 6 dispensing equipment shall at all times be maintained
- 7 by principal."
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you do that?
- 11 A. I believe there's another statement somewhere
- 12 in this contract that further qualifies that.
- 13 Q. In what way?
- 14 A. I believe it's in the loaned equipment
- 15 agreement. I need to go through the agreement real
- 16 quick.
- 17 On No. 114, equipment loan agreement,
- 18 No. 2 refers to customer, which is defined up top as
- 19 BCG, Incorporated, Laurel Oasis. "Maintenance customer
- 20 shall maintain said equipment in good condition. In
- 21 the event of partial or total destruction of all or any
- 22 of the same, shall reimburse seller for damage to
- 23 equipment or cost of replacement or restoring the
- 24 equipment."

- 1 Q. So you took that to mean that you would be
- 2 responsible for only the gasoline equipment?
- 3 It also goes on further in No. 6 and Α.
- 4 says, "Any and all additional equipment loaned or
- 5 installed or placed for the use of the customer," and
- 6 the diesel equipment was for the use of the customer,
- 7 not for us. They were selling diesel product to their
- 8 customers, not our customers. They were our customer.
- 9 Q. Right.
- "Shall be deemed to be loaned upon the terms 10 Α.
- of this agreement," and going back above it said that 11
- loaned equipment was their responsibility to repair. 12
- And because you had inherited this customer 13 Q.
- 14 from Peninsula --
- 15 Α. Yes.
- -- did you go back to Peninsula and say, what 16
- was the deal here, what were you doing with the Glenns? 17
- 18 At some point I'm sure that I did, and the
- 19 problem with Peninsula's records were a lot of things
- 20 were either handwritten or John Willie, who is the
- current president, was not in any capacity of his 21
- 22 father -- his father was -- and his father passed away
- from cancer shortly before. And either records were 23
- 24 unavailable or they couldn't find them. I think they

- 1 said they had a flood, or something, and all their
- 2 records were destroyed at one point. It was very, very
- 3 difficult to get any information from them. So we were
- 4 governed by the current contract, which we knew was
- 5 very specific.
- 6 And the commissioned agency agreement that you
- 7 acknowledge as being an agreement that was in effect
- also seems to be very specific when it says that the 8
- 9 motor fuel dispensing equipment shall at all times be
- 10 maintained by principal?
- Motor fuel could be aircraft fuel, it could be 11 Α.
- 12 anything.
- Did you believe that GLeS was obligated to set 13
- 14 retail prices at this location that would be
- 15 competitive?
- 16 How do you define competitive? A.
- 17 Well, I'm asking you whether you believe --0.
- you have been in the business 30 years; right? 18
- 19 Obviously, any responsible marketer takes into
- 20 account all the factors that are related to the sale
- and attempts to give the best price that they can on 21
- 22 any given day.
- If a location is not competitively priced, the 23 Q.
- 24 location is likely to lose volume, is it not? Is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 Α. Yeah, yeah.
- 3 Q. And --
- There's other factors that go into being
- 5 competitive, though. There's competitive offerings.
- 6 You asked me a question earlier about why do you put
- 7 quick lubes and car washes and those type of things in.
- 8 The purpose of being competitive is to offer as many
- 9 possible services to your customer to give them reasons
- to come to your facility, and it's not all price. It's 10
- cleanliness and customer service and offerings and 11
- many, many different things that make you competitive. 12
- 13 I'm glad you mentioned that. In connection Q.
- 14 with either of these locations, did you ever do
- appearance and cleanliness audits, inspections? 15
- 16 Α. Yes.
- 17 I haven't seen any of those, but I am Ο.
- 18 assuming, and I have never seen any letters of default,
- 19 that the locations in your mind were being properly
- 20 maintained?
- 21 I have to go back in our records to find out,
- 22 to pull the inspections.
- Were the inspections done on forms? 23 Q.
- 24 A. I believe that they were.

- 1 Q. Do you recall ever sending the Glenns any
- 2 letter saying that the locations weren't meeting
- 3 appearance and cleanliness standards?
- Α. I don't recall.
- 5 Q. If I told you that the first commission
- 6 payment was made in January of 2006, do you have any
- 7 reason to disagree with me on that?
- 8 I wouldn't know if that was the first payment
- 9 or not. I know they were deducting their own payments.
- I couldn't tell you which months it was. 10
- 11 And do you know whether after January of 2006 Q.
- any more payments, commission payments were made? 12
- 13 Α. I don't know that.
- You mentioned earlier, I think, that in your 14
- view the contracts were very specific; right? 15
- 16 Α. Yes.
- 17 Including this provision, it says, at
- 18 Page 109, that principal shall pay to agent no less
- 19 than once a month on all motor fuel sales as dispensed
- 20 through the equipment as follows, and it sets forth the
- 21 commissions.
- 22 Α. Correct.
- Who was responsible at GLeS for assuring that 23 Q.
- 24 the commissions were in fact being paid?

- 1 Α. Our accounting department would have issued
- 2 the commission payment had they received enough
- 3 information in order to reconcile the account.
- 4 And it's your testimony that if commissions
- 5 weren't paid, it's because my clients weren't
- 6 furnishing them enough information to pay the
- 7 commissions?
- 8 That's correct. Α.
- 9 Was there any distinction between credit card
- processing that was done for Texaco and then CITGO 10
- credit cards at this location between diesel fuel 11
- purchases and gasoline purchases? 12
- 13 The Ruby system itself is capable of making Α.
- 14 that determination, distinguishing between the
- 15 products.
- 16 The credit card loan equipment agreement Ο.
- 17 that's at Page 113 of that same exhibit, and this is a
- 18 poor copy, and I think I have a more legible one if you
- need to look at it, with respect to the credit card 19
- 20 terminal fee and transaction fee, there's an "NA." Do
- you see that? 21
- 22 Α. Not really.
- Let me show you. We might have to make a copy 23 Q.
- 24 of this. I will show you my copy and then we can get a

- 1 copy on the break.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Assuming this was the applicable agreement.
- 4 A. This is talking about leasing fees for any
- 5 leased equipment. Credit card terminal and electronic
- 6 printer.
- 7 Q. How about bank terminal access fees?
- 8 A. That's typical of, and having been a former
- 9 Texaco rep, there was, I believe it was called -- I'm
- 10 trying to think of the name of the company. But there
- 11 were terminals that were capable of being leased on a
- 12 monthly basis. If your Ruby system or G-cell or
- 13 whatever pump controller that you had was not capable
- 14 of processing, you could lease a piece of equipment
- 15 from the credit card company. I don't know if it was
- 16 VeriFone or Data Card -- I forget what the name of it
- 17 was -- but they had machines that you could lease.
- 18 Q. Do you know whether under Peninsula Oil,
- 19 whether my clients paid any credit card fees with
- 20 respect to this site?
- 21 A. They told us that they didn't. I went back to
- 22 Peninsula and they couldn't really tell us much of
- 23 anything. They couldn't distinguish between gas and
- 24 diesel. I don't know that they were sophisticated

- 1 enough to do it.
- 2 Q. And so your position was that fees would be
- 3 charged on diesel and not on gas?
- 4 A. Yeah. The contract doesn't provide for them
- 5 not to pay it, and they were paying it at their other
- 6 location and every other dealer in this business
- 7 everywhere is paying it. It's customary, it's part of
- 8 the business. And where we were the dealer, quote
- 9 unquote, in the gas operation, we paid the credit card
- 10 fee related to the gas operation and they paid it for
- 11 the diesel.
- 12 Q. Regardless of what had been the practice under
- 13 the contracts that you stepped into?
- 14 A. I don't know what the practice was, but we
- 15 followed the agreement.
- 16 Q. Show me in the agreements as you believe them
- 17 to be where it says that?
- 18 A. It doesn't say that they don't pay it and it's
- 19 customary for every dealer in this industry that they
- 20 pay it.
- 21 Q. Except in their case it wasn't customary?
- 22 A. So they say.
- 23 Actually, in the agreement that you just
- 24 pointed out to me on 113, while it says NA at the top,

- 1 there's a note that says, "Bank terminal fees.
- 2 Expressed maintenance fees are subject to any changes
- 3 that the bank or credit card company may make from time
- 4 to time, if any."
- 5 I think -- it also talks about retailer
- 6 agrees to be responsible to Peninsula for the
- 7 performance of their employees using the automated
- 8 system and handling credit cards and other further
- 9 changes as may be made to the program from time to
- 10 time.
- 11 Credit card fees change frequently.
- They were across the board, they used to be three 12
- 13 percent of sales. Then they were some percent plus a
- 14 transaction fee. They have changed. They have
- 15 evolved, as you know, over the years.
- 16 Q. Did you ever point that out to my clients?
- 17 I don't know if I did or not. Α.
- 18 How were my clients making payments to you?
- 19 Were they by check or by EFT transfers or how was it
- 20 being done?
- 21 I believe they were initially on checks, and
- 22 then they went on to EFT, and then they later went back
- 23 on to checks.
- 24 Q. Why did they go back to checks?

- 1 Α. I guess they felt they wanted to have better
- control.
- 3 Let me direct your attention to Exhibit 56. Q.
- Can you identify that for me?
- 5 It appears to be a fax from Pat. I assume she
- 6 worked for the Travel Plaza. To our office.
- 7 Do you know what these are showing, these
- 8 faxes are showing?
- 9 This, again, looks like a report off of the
- Tokheim diesel console. 10
- Q. Do you know why these would have been faxed to 11
- your office? 12
- The second page is a credit card settlement 13
- 14 from CITGO. So is the third page and the fourth page.
- I don't know. This is incomplete. 15
- 16 Q. Credit card settlements, how were those
- handled? 17
- 18 It shows, the third page in at the top shows a Α.
- breakdown of products. Gallons and dollars. It breaks 19
- 20 out what credit cards were processed for unleaded,
- premium, diesel, mid-grade, and so on. 21
- 22 Q. Do you know why these were being faxed?
- It was probably one of the reports that we 23 A.
- 24 requested them to fax to us.

- 1 Q. Tell me what 57 shows.
- 2 A. 57.
- 4 Q. This is an accounting report of yours, is it
- 5 not?
- 6 A. Yes, it is, but I'm not an accountant.
- 7 Q. It is showing deposits, correct, or it appears
- 8 to be?
- 9 A. It appears to be.
- 10 Q. Deposits that were coming from Laurel Oasis to
- 11 CITGO?
- 12 A. It's possible that that's what that is. I
- 13 don't know.
- 14 Q. How about 58, do you recognize that exhibit?
- 15 A. Yes, it appears that dispatcher was responding
- 16 to Shelly Domingo. She must have made a request for
- 17 him to send information.
- 18 Q. And when he says to her that I have been
- 19 receiving your messages regarding the retail gasoline
- 20 prices and I cannot personally, do not have the
- 21 authority to determine what gas price should be posted
- 22 at station. I have been passing your notes on to
- 23 appropriate staff. They have met with the owners of
- 24 Laurel Oasis regarding this issue. If you have any

- 1 questions.
- 2 Yes. He is our dispatcher and does not have
- 3 pressing authority. All he would do is take the
- 4 message.
- 5 Do you know whether Shelly was transmitting Q.
- 6 complaints from time to time about the retail prices at
- 7 the station?
- 8 Well, it's typical in this business you only Α.
- 9 hear from someone when they are not happy, but when
- they are happy you don't hear from them. So this is an 10
- 11 example of one incident.
- 12 Exhibit 59, this was, I guess, the letter that Q.
- 13 was sent out to the customers of Peninsula announcing
- 14 that they were going to be transferring their business
- to you; right? 15
- 16 Α. Yes.
- 17 Exhibit 60, that's Chad supplying Shelly the
- form that he wants her to fill out to send prices, 18
- right, and reconciliations? 19
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 Showing purchases and inventory, beginning and Q.
- 22 ending inventory would show sales, would it not?
- 23 Well, it would show variance. Sales is up at Α.
- 24 the top. Sales is the very first line at the very top.

- Q. Was this the form that they wanted to -- well,
- 2 saying we need the top portion sales and retail price,
- 3 including competition, completed; right?
- 4 A. I think he was attempting to address her
- 5 concern about competitive pricing, so he asked her to
- 6 make sure to send this information every day with sales
- 7 and these specific competitors' prices every day.
- 8 Q. 61, tell me what that is?
- 9 A. It appears to be a breakdown of credit card
- 10 receipts. Based on the credit card settlement, it must
- 11 have identified what type of products made up the
- 12 credit card settlement.
- 13 Q. Do you know whether that included credit card
- 14 fees or not?
- 15 A. I don't.
- 16 Q. How about the pages starting at 1015.
- 17 A. This looks like an activity report, credit
- 18 cards we received and credit cards we paid.
- 19 Q. How about Page 1019, what is that?
- 20 A. It's a spreadsheet prepared by someone in an
- 21 attempt to establish commissions.
- 22 Q. Page 1020, what's that?
- 23 A. Some kind of internal accounting report. That
- 24 has to be incomplete.

- 1 Q. Why is that?
- Α. Because it appears from a one-month period of
- 3 time we made \$17,000 when the entire duration of -- I
- don't know how many months it was -- but over the
- 5 entire duration, that this is probably half of the
- 6 income that we made the whole time we were there.
- 7 You made pretty big margins as a result of the
- hurricanes, did you not? 8
- 9 It's very possible. Price was very volatile
- during that time. 10
- If this is accurate, which I don't know 11
- that it is, but if it is, then there must have been 12
- 13 other months that offset this income with losses.
- 14 Q. Would there be statements like this for the
- other months for my clients' locations? 15
- 16 By month? We actually produced as part of
- Exhibit 75, we produced the entire duration of time. 17
- 18 I think that was the only period that there
- 19 was one of those for that had been produced. I will
- 20 just add that to my list. If you think you have them
- 21 for the other periods.
- 22 How about Exhibit 62?
- It is from Pat to our office. It appears to 23 Α.
- 24 be an attempt to reconcile commissions.

- 1 Q. And this is suggesting there was a commission
- 2 due from September 1st to November 29th; right?
- 3 A. That's what it says.
- 4 Q. How about Exhibit 63?
- 5 A. It appears to be an attempt to get their
- 6 account caught up on any past due commissions with
- 7 someone's comment on it that there's a difference of
- 8 \$768. I guess between our accounting department and
- 9 their accounting department they still didn't agree on
- 10 the number.
- 11 Q. You don't know for sure what this is; right?
- 12 Is this a Sweet Oil-generated document?
- 13 A. It appears that it is, yes. At least some of
- 14 it. The first page is a check stub. The second page I
- 15 don't believe is a Sweet Oil document.
- The third one looks like it is a Sweet
- 17 Oil document. The fourth one isn't. It is a mishmash
- 18 of different documents here.
- 19 Q. How about 64?
- 20 It seems to be an e-mail from you to
- 21 Bill Glenn dated December 27th, 2005.
- 22 A. Yes. This was during the time that we were
- 23 talking about terminating the existing agreements and
- 24 we had offered them the opportunity to become

- 1 distributors of their own, and that's what this is.
- 2 Q. Exhibit 65 is a letter dated March 15th, is it
- 3 not?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And this was telling you you are no longer
- 6 authorized to EFT monies from their account; correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And then it also says, "Per our account, agent
- 9 shall pay to principal net ten days from billing the
- 10 sums received from the sale of gasoline and agent will
- 11 pay for diesel fuel ten days from billing date."
- 12 And that was referring back to contract
- 13 language; right?
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. And you then received another letter from my
- 16 clients, did you not, dated July 11th, 2006? It is
- 17 Exhibit 66, which I think you have already identified;
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And I think we have talked about Exhibit 67,
- 21 or maybe not. Exhibit 67 is your response, is it not?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. In Paragraph 3, you state that, starting at
- 24 the top of Page 2, "your contract" -- and I'm in the

- 1 fourth line down -- "Your contract states, you will
- 2 purchase all gasoline at 'retail posted price less
- 3 commission' and diesel fuel at 'our posted full
- 4 transport price' at time of delivery. There's a
- 5 footnote which states 'not to exceed Salisbury rack
- 6 prices by more than two-and-a-half cents per gallon.'"
- 7 And then you say, "In fact, we have been
- 8 charging you Salisbury rack price plus only one cent
- 9 per gallon, which means we have the right to charge you
- 10 more than we have been charging you in the past."
- Do you see that? 11
- 12 Α. Yes.
- The asterisk footnote was in the 1990 13 Q.
- 14 contract, was it not?
- Yeah. I must have been incorrectly quoting 15 Α.
- 16 this. I must have looked at the 1990 agreement, which
- 17 they had furnished me later.
- 18 I don't know. Maybe it was attached to
- 19 his letter. Maybe that's why I was reading from that.
- 20 Then you say in Paragraph 5 that in the second
- sentence, "In fact, we paid you for the period of 21
- 22 September 2005 through January 2006 based on our best
- estimate of what we believe due to you since you have 23
- 24 refused to provide us with the daily sales reports,

- 1 which are VeriFone Ruby equipment, loaned equipment,
- 2 provides."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. In fact, the payment that you made in January
- 6 of 2006 was exactly the amount that the Glenns told you
- 7 was owed, was it not?
- 8 A. No, it wasn't, because the fax that you just,
- 9 we just went over a minute ago said there was a
- 10 difference. Exhibit 63.
- 11 Q. And is it your testimony that there was not a
- 12 later communication that told you what amount was owed
- 13 and the amount that was ultimately deposited into their
- 14 account?
- 15 A. Again, I'm not an accountant and I didn't work
- 16 in the accounting department, but based on five minutes
- 17 ago when we went over that last exhibit, it showed that
- 18 there was still a variance.
- 19 Q. Which exhibit?
- 20 A. 63, I think it was.
- Q. 63, I think, was the document I think you said
- 22 you couldn't identify everything that was in that
- 23 exhibit; right?
- 24 A. I couldn't tell you who generated each of

- 1 these reports. But it appears to be an attempt to
- reconcile commissions due.
- 3 Q. You knew based on the Glenns' letter to you of
- July 11th that they deemed the contract terminated;
- 5 correct?
- 6 Α. They felt that they had the right to
- unilaterally terminate, which they didn't have that 7
- 8 right.
- 9 Ο. Well, they did terminate it, though, did they
- 10 not?
- 11 They believed they did. We don't recognize it Α.
- 12 as terminated.
- 13 They didn't buy any more gas from you; right? Q.
- 14 Α. No.
- They didn't buy any more diesel from you; 15 Q.
- 16 right?
- 17 Α. No.
- 18 Q. And then you sent a letter dated July 19th,
- which is Exhibit 68, did you not? 19
- 20 A. I did not.
- 21 Mr. LeRoy did? Q.
- 22 Α. Yes.
- And he sent that to, I assume, all the people 23 Q.
- 24 who are copied on the letter?

- 1 Α. Yes, correct.
- 2 Q. And the purpose of that letter was to
- 3 discourage anybody else from selling fuel to my
- clients, isn't that right?
- 5 It was to enforce our rights under our
- 6 contract.
- 7 And you advised them that Sweet Oil has
- initiated legal action to enjoin any company from 8
- selling and/or transporting any motor fuel.
- 10 Do you see that?
- Yes. 11 Α.
- And in fact, you had not initiated any legal 12
- 13 action, had you?
- I don't know if anything was filed with the 14
- 15 court, but we were talking to the attorneys about it at
- 16 that time.
- 17 And then you say, "Said legal action may
- include a lawsuit seeking an injunction"; right? You 18
- didn't do that, did you? 19
- 20 Α. We are here. I don't know what --
- 21 You didn't seek an injunction, did you? Q.
- No, we didn't. 22 Α.
- And in fact, my client sued you, didn't they? 23 Q.
- 24 Α. And we countersued.

- 1 Ο. And in fact, by July you were heavily into
- 2 negotiations with GPM by that point, were you not?
- 3 Α. I don't know what the term heavily, but we
- 4 were in discussions with them, yes.
- 5 But it was your intention in sending this
- 6 letter to discourage others from dealing with my
- 7 clients?
- 8 Α. Absolutely.
- 9 Because you knew if you sent this letter to Ο.
- 10 enough people and they couldn't buy gas from anybody,
- that they'd have to come back to you? 11
- No. We were trying to enforce our rights 12 Α.
- 13 under the agreement and we were notifying other
- 14 innocent distributors of our legal contractual rights
- so that they didn't put themselves into a position of 15
- 16 jeopardy.
- 17 Well, if you were trying to enforce your
- 18 rights under the agreement, you would have filed a
- 19 lawsuit, right, either seeking damages or seeking to
- 20 prevent my clients from terminating the contract?
- 21 Is that a question? Α.
- 22 Q. Yes.
- We eventually did and we are here. 23 Α.
- 24 Q. You filed a counterclaim months later after we

- 1 sued you?
- Α. Yes. I don't know what the exact timing of it
- 3 was.
- Q. Did anybody call you in response to that
- 5 letter, any of these suppliers?
- 6 Α. It's possible they did at the time. I don't
- 7 know.
- 8 Had you ever received a letter like this from Q.
- somebody else? 9
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 Q. You had?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 And who had you received a letter like this Q.
- from? 14
- I don't remember exactly who it was. I think 15 Α.
- 16 there was an incident in Philadelphia at some point
- 17 that a distributor sent us to put not just us, but to
- put all distributors who were authorized to deliver in 18
- the area on notice that one of their customers was 19
- 20 attempting to make a unilateral breach of their
- 21 agreements.
- 22 And when you got that letter, you wouldn't
- 23 supply that party; right?
- 24 A. Absolutely not.

- 1 Q. So you knew it was likely that if you sent
- 2 this letter to all these other parties that it was
- 3 unlikely that they would want to do business with my
- 4 client, because the last thing they would want to do
- 5 was get involved in a lawsuit?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And you were, through this letter, essentially
- 8 notifying them that if they supplied my client, that
- 9 they would be interfering with this contract that you
- 10 had with my client; right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Except that my client had terminated that
- 13 contract; right?
- 14 A. They didn't have the ability to terminate the
- 15 agreement.
- 16 Q. Well, they sent you a letter that said it was
- 17 terminated; right?
- 18 A. So they -- it was their wish to terminate, I
- 19 guess, but they did not have the right to terminate.
- 20 Q. After that letter was sent, you never did
- 21 business with them again at that location, did you?
- 22 A. No. We continued to do business with them at
- 23 the Delmar location.
- Q. Under separate contract; right?

- 1 A. Under separate contract. And it was our hopes
- 2 that we wouldn't have to go to litigation. We were
- 3 continuing to supply them at another site.
- 4 Q. My client responded to your letter by sending
- 5 you Exhibit 69, did it not?
- 6 A. Exhibit 69 is the EFT letter.
- 7 Q. I'm sorry. It got copied wrong. It should be
- 8 a letter dated July 20th.
- 9 A. That says 69.
- 10 Q. What's the next one?
- 11 A. 70 is --
- 12 Q. Dated July 20th?
- 13 A. A letter dated July 20?
- 14 MR. STORM: Everybody take sticker 69 and
- 15 put it on 70 and put 70 on 69.
- 16 MR. HUTCHISON: Just to keep the record
- 17 straight, 69 is 65. So it's already a marked document.
- 18 MR. STORM: I will change mine. 69,
- 19 these got mixed up when they were copied, it looks
- 20 like. Everybody's appears to be right but mine.
- So your 69 is the same as 65?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Yes. It is a March 15th
- 23 letter.
- 24 MR. STORM: So March 15th, mark that 69,

- 1 but it is a duplicate of 65. And Exhibit 70, then,
- 2 should be a letter dated July 20th.
- 3 BY MR. STORM:
- 4 Q. Right? Do you have that there, Mr. Greco?
- 5 A. Yes, I have the letter dated July 20th.
- 6 Q. And that was in response to your letter of
- 7 July 11th; correct?
- 8 A. It's referencing past agreements. It doesn't
- 9 reference the current agreement. It references the
- 10 1990 agreement.
- 11 Q. The body of the letter says, "We are in
- 12 receipt of your letter dated July 11th, 2006"; right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And that was the letter we were just talking
- 15 about; correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Your letter of July 11th was your response to
- 18 my client's letter, which was your letter that was
- 19 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 67.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. You got that letter from my clients, didn't
- 22 you?
- 23 A. I believe we did.
- Q. How about 71, do you recognize that?

- 1 A. This is something that dates back to March.
- 2 Q. Do you recognize it?
- 3 A. I recognize it as a memo from my office. I
- 4 didn't generate this.
- 5 Q. I understand.
- 6 When it is talking about Coraluzzo has
- 7 revised your transportation rate for diesel from .0202
- 8 to .0209, how would that have been done by Coraluzzo?
- 9 A. I don't understand the question.
- 10 Q. It says Coraluzzo has revised your
- 11 transportation rate. Would Coraluzzo have notified you
- 12 that your rate was going up for deliveries to this
- 13 location?
- 14 A. They probably notified us that it was going up
- 15 to all locations and we sent out a memo like this
- 16 probably to every single location.
- 17 Q. How was it determined that the rate was .0202
- 18 for this location?
- 19 A. When they priced for us, they would price it
- 20 out by site. Again, as I said before, the price to
- 21 each location was unique based on miles and tolls and
- 22 many other factors.
- Q. And was there something from Coraluzzo that
- 24 told you that, what the prize was to each location?

- 1 A. There probably was.
- 2 Q. And what would that have been, a summary sheet
- 3 of some kind?
- 4 A. Well, it would have been by location or by
- 5 city, most likely. From terminal to a city.
- 6 Q. So each location's freight rate varied?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. From Coraluzzo?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Let me ask you about Exhibit 72. Do you
- 11 recognize these documents?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And what are they?
- 14 A. They are documents that Laurel Oasis must have
- 15 sent to us either by fax or mail.
- 16 Q. And this is telling you what the competitors'
- 17 prices are, right, retail prices?
- 18 A. It was intended to do that, yes.
- 19 Q. And when you look at these and receive these,
- 20 how did you make a determination what retail price to
- 21 set on gasoline at Laurel Oasis?
- 22 A. We couldn't make that determination just on
- 23 this information. First off, this information was
- 24 proven to be inaccurate. There were many occasions

- 1 when we would send our sales rep by, either we would
- 2 not receive this information or it would be inaccurate,
- 3 and we would ask someone to go by there and validate.
- 4 And the numbers that were on here were inaccurate.
- 5 There were other times that they just
- 6 wouldn't give it to us at all, and I don't know if
- 7 these, this particular sampling is complete or
- 8 incomplete.
- 9 Q. This is just a sample. I picked out a sample
- 10 of these documents so that we could establish that you
- 11 were receiving documents like this.
- 12 A. It is incomplete. And the closest competitor
- 13 to their location doesn't have any prices.
- Q. Which was what?
- 15 A. The Sunoco.
- 16 O. On what, one of the pages you are looking at?
- 17 A. On any of the pages that I see here. It
- 18 appears that they crossed Sunoco out.
- 19 Q. Was Sunoco a full service location?
- 20 A. It may have been.
- Q. And were there prices posted for full serve?
- 22 A. I don't know off the top of my head.
- Q. If you look at Page 0618, Shelly Domingo
- 24 frequently wrote notes like that, did she not?

- 1 Α. It's very possible. I didn't receive these
- 2 reports.
- 3 And when she would write, "As per our Q.
- 4 contract, the price shall be competitively priced with
- 5 locations in that area, can we please get closer to our
- 6 competitors' prices," would somebody in your office
- 7 bring that to your attention?
- 8 It's very possible that they may have, but in
- 9 the current agreement it doesn't say anything to that
- 10 effect. Now, it is our intention to be as competitive
- as possible, but there's nothing that says specifically 11
- 12 that we need to be, quote, competitive, and there's
- 13 nothing that defines competitive as a specific range or
- 14 anything else.
- And on the same exhibit, Page 640, if she 15
- 16 writes, "Per our contract it states we must be
- 17 competitive! Are we going to price our gasoline
- 18 competitive or not? These prices have been 10 to 20
- 19 cents higher for the last eight months," did anybody
- 20 write to her and say, that's not in your contract?
- I don't know that anyone would discuss the 21
- contract with her. She's not on the contract. 22
- 23 And on the particular day she wrote that
- 24 we were 10 to 20 cents higher, according to the

- 1 information that she provided, we weren't 10 to 20
- 2 cents higher.
- 3 Q. Let me ask you about 74. I think you
- 4 mentioned earlier that you got documents from Peninsula
- 5 that related to the incentive monies that had been paid
- 6 to Peninsula prior to your taking over the contract.
- 7 Is that what these documents are?
- 8 A. Yes, it appears that's what this is.
- 9 MR. STORM: Let's take about five
- 10 minutes. I think I am about finished.
- 11 (P-77 was marked for identification.)
- 12 BY MR. STORM:
- 13 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 77. Are you able to
- 14 identify that document?
- 15 A. It's a bank statement from Bank of Delmarva.
- 16 It doesn't have the name of the account holder on it.
- 17 Q. GLeS, Inc., there is an entry you will see on
- 18 January 17th in the amount of 5,506.08, do you see
- 19 that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. If you look back, Mr. Greco, at Exhibit 62,
- 22 which was the fax from Pat at my client's office to
- 23 Sweet Oil dated December 9th, 2005, that stated the
- 24 commission due was 5,506.08, do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. The same amount?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MR. STORM: I think those are all the
- 5 questions I have.
- 6 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 7 Q. Put P-2 in front of you.
- 8 Mr. Storm asked you some questions about
- 9 this document and I have a few more.
- 10 Do you know who drafted this agreement?
- 11 A. No, I don't.
- 12 Q. At the bottom it has what appears to be a word
- 13 processing label, do you see that "C:/"?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. At the end it says "SweetOil.doc." Does that
- 16 refresh your recollection or give you any indication as
- 17 to whether Sweet Oil may have drafted this?
- 18 A. We did not draft this.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether Sunoco drafted it?
- 20 A. Yes. I can go back in my e-mails and find
- 21 out. I don't know if it is in here or if it is in
- 22 other discovery. But it was e-mailed to me and we
- 23 printed it and signed it and then sent it back to
- 24 Dolores.

- 1 Q. And do you think it was Dolores who sent it to
- 2 you?
- 3 A. She would have sent it, but I don't know who
- 4 would have drafted it.
- 5 Q. The reason I ask --
- 6 A. It actually says Sunoco Engineering at the
- 7 top.
- 8 Q. That appears to be a fax. Let me ask this
- 9 question: Do you know why there's not a signature line
- 10 typed into the document for Sunoco on the last page
- 11 that's marked SO 73?
- 12 A. If there's not a signature line, I have no
- 13 idea. It appears that Jeff Byard handwrote it in.
- 14 Q. That's my question, I was wondering why it
- 15 wasn't typed in?
- 16 A. I don't know. I don't know who generated this
- 17 document.
- 18 Q. Paragraph 7 states, "Assignee acknowledges --
- 19 and the assignee is you, Sweet Oil -- "acknowledges
- 20 that two currently branded Mobil retail sites are
- 21 subject to a certain Tosco distributor image incentive
- 22 program agreement as follows:
- 23 "Duck-In #2, 5610 Market Street, Snow
- 24 Hill, Maryland, unamortized balance as of 6/30/05

- 1 \$14,270, full amortization 3-31-11."
- 2 Did I read that part of Paragraph 7
- 3 correctly?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And then a subpart of Paragraph 7, which is
- 6 entitled B, says, "Delmar Mobil, 9521 Ocean Highway,
- 7 Delmar, Maryland. Unamortized balance as of 6-30-05,
- 8 \$112,077. Full amortization 7/31/12. Incentive three
- 9 cents per gallon to be paid through July 31, 2006."
- 10 Did I read that part of Paragraph 7
- 11 correctly?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The Delmar Mobil Tosco distributor image
- incentive program, if you would turn to Plaintiffs'
- 15 Exhibit 6. Is what has been marked as Plaintiffs'
- 16 Exhibit 6 what Paragraph 7 B of the assignment and
- 17 assumption agreement is referring to?
- 18 A. Yes, it appears to be.
- 19 Q. In Subparagraph A, it's referring to Duck-In
- 20 #2.
- 21 MR. YOUNG: Why don't we mark this as 78.
- 22 (Exhibit 78 was marked for
- 23 identification.)
- 24 MR. YOUNG: For the record, we will mark

- 1 as Exhibit 78 a two-page document which is entitled
- 2 Tosco Distributor Image Incentive Program Agreement
- 3 Mid-Atlantic.
- 4 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 5 Q. I hand this to the witness. It is the Duck-In
- 6 #2 Tosco Distributor Image Incentive Program Agreement.
- 7 Have you had an opportunity to review
- 8 what we have marked as Exhibit 78, Mr. Greco?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that agreement that you have and is marked
- 11 78, is that what is referred to in Paragraph 7 A as the
- 12 Duck-In #2 Tosco Distributor Image Incentive Program?
- 13 A. I believe it is.
- 14 Q. When you signed this agreement in September,
- 15 August or September 2005, you understood based upon
- 16 Paragraph 3 that it was Sunoco's intention to convert
- 17 the Duck-In #2 Mobil and the Delmar Mobil to the Sunoco
- 18 brand; correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What was your understanding as to what would
- 21 happen to the two agreements that are referenced in
- 22 Paragraph 7 once there was the conversion of those
- 23 stations from a Mobil branded station to a Sunoco
- 24 branded station?

- The way I understood it was that these would 1 Α.
- continue to amortize for the remainder of whatever
- 3 duration was left, or they were actually given an
- 4 opportunity to extend their term and they were offered
- 5 another additional incentive over and above this
- 6 incentive.
- 7 Q. Where did you get that understanding from?
- 8 It came from Dolores in the offering package
- 9 that she sent to us.
- 10 Q. Dolores Love at Sunoco?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- So you understand that there were balances due 12
- 13 on these agreements?
- 14 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- BY MR. YOUNG: 15
- You can answer. Well, I will be more 16 Q.
- 17 specific. In Paragraph 7 A, there's an unamortized
- balance as of June 30th, 2005 of \$14,270; correct? 18
- 19 Α. Yes.
- 20 Q. Was it your understanding that if that
- 21 agreement terminated on June 30th, 2005, that there
- 22 would be a penalty of \$14,270 to be paid?
- 23 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: On face value, yes.

- 1 However, Sunoco, in one of the correspondences, had
- 2 agreed that they were going to waive the Duck-In
- 3 location amortization.
- 4 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 5 Q. Was it your understanding that as of
- 6 June 30th, 2005, with regards to the Delmar Mobil, that
- 7 if that agreement terminated on that date, there would
- 8 be \$112,077?
- 9 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 12 Q. But it was your understanding that if these
- 13 retail locations continued to purchase motor fuel
- 14 through you and through Sunoco, the purchases would
- 15 amortize this balance to zero by the dates that are
- 16 reflecting at 7 A and 7 B?
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 20 Q. Now, Dolores Love, you testified Dolores Love
- 21 told you that Sunoco would honor these agreements even
- 22 for Sunoco fuel; correct? Let me rephrase that. That
- 23 was a bad question.
- 24 You understood from Dolores Love that

- 1 Sunoco was willing to amortize these balances going
- 2 forward based on purchases of Sunoco motor fuel;
- 3 correct?
- Α. Based on Sunoco fuel, yes.
- 5 Ο. But if these two retail locations did not
- 6 become Sunoco's and, say, went to another brand, was it
- 7 your understanding when you signed this agreement that
- 8 this unamortized balance would have to be paid --
- 9 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- BY MR. YOUNG: 10
- -- whatever that balance was at the time? 11 Q.
- A. Yes, I believe so. 12
- 13 Paragraph 3 of this agreement --Q.
- 14 Α. Which agreement?
- Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2. 15 Q.
- 16 Okay. Α.
- 17 It says, "Assignee agrees that the locations
- 18 supplied Mobil brand Mobil fuel under the expiring
- agreement will be rebranded Sunoco promptly in 19
- 20 accordance with a schedule."
- 21 Does rebranding in your mind mean
- 22 converting from Mobil to Sunoco?
- 23 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, it contemplates change

- 1 of brand from Mobil to Sunoco.
- 2 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 3 Q. As of the time you signed this agreement,
- 4 that's what you understood would happen; correct?
- 5 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 7 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 8 Q. We talked about this EOL for Mobil or end of
- 9 life --
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. -- and I think you testified it was based on a
- 12 tandem platform that some Mobil branded locations had?
- 13 A. The way it was explained to me, I don't think
- 14 it was from Dolores. One of the e-mails would have the
- 15 name of the Sunoco engineer, whoever it was, that
- 16 explained it to us, but that of the three Mobil sites
- 17 that we were supplying, the Doughboy's location was the
- 18 only one that was not compatible with this change, and
- 19 that required some change to be made to the equipment
- 20 or to the software or whatever it was.
- Q. And that was a compatibility with something
- 22 that Mobil had or ExxonMobil had?
- 23 A. I don't know if it was with ExxonMobil merging
- 24 their two tandems, or I don't know who all this -- I'm

- 1 not an engineer.
- I know that there was a requirement, and
- 3 Exxon sent the initial letters and then we got contact
- 4 from Sunoco saying that this needed to be done for them
- 5 to continue. And based on the conversion schedule and
- 6 the end of life of their particular location, first
- 7 they lost the ability to accept debit cards. Then they
- 8 lost the ability to accept Speedpass. And then
- 9 eventually they lost the ability to process any credit.
- 10 Q. And what did they need to do in order to be
- 11 able to maintain their ability to accept debit cards,
- 12 Mobil credit cards and any credit card?
- 13 A. Well, we went to Vernon, as it stated in one
- 14 of these exhibits, we went to Vernon of JCV, who is
- 15 right in Salisbury near the location, a large pump and
- 16 tank repair contractor, and asked him what was
- 17 necessary. He was very familiar with all their
- 18 equipment, and he told us it was approximately \$4,500
- 19 to do whatever work was necessary. And I don't know
- 20 specific, if it was hardware, software, but he gave us
- 21 a ballpark of approximately 4500 to make that change.
- 22 Q. And who was going to have to pay that money?
- 23 A. The dealer.
- Q. I think you mentioned under Mr. Storm's

- 1 questions that if the dealer agreed to convert to
- 2 Sunoco, that that was an expense Sunoco was going to
- 3 bear?
- 4 A. Not that cost. The eventual cost of changing
- 5 from that platform to Sunoco's network.
- 6 Q. The platform that the dealer had when you took
- 7 over the Delmar Mobil supply agreement, was that an
- 8 equipment that the dealer owned?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And is that why it was their responsibility to
- 11 purchase?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The next platform?
- 14 A. Yes. It's required in their supply agreement.
- 15 Q. The EOL issue with ExxonMobil as you have
- 16 described it, was that peculiar just to Mobil stations
- in the Mid-Atlantic area that were converted to Sunoco
- 18 stations, or was that, to your knowledge, nationwide?
- 19 A. The way it was explained to us was it was a
- 20 complete network issue. It wasn't specific to a state
- 21 or a site. It was their entire network was being
- 22 changed in some fashion.
- Q. So it wasn't particular to Sunoco's conversion
- of Mobil stations, to your knowledge?

- 1 A. No, I don't believe so.
- 2 Q. In June of 2006, you received an e-mail, and
- 3 it was shown to you -- if you need to refresh, we will
- 4 go to it -- but hopefully we won't need to -- from
- 5 Dolores Love telling you that the Delmar Mobil was in
- 6 breach of the agreement.
- 7 Do you remember that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Why were they in breach of the agreement in
- 10 June of 2006?
- 11 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Because as part of being
- 13 branded Mobil, there was an implied, I guess -- I don't
- 14 know how to say it. Let me think about it for a
- 15 minute.
- 16 MR. STORM: I will add my objection to
- 17 this as well.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 19 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 20 Q. You can continue.
- 21 A. There is an expectation of a Mobil credit card
- 22 or Speedpass holder that if they go to a Mobil branded
- 23 site with the Mobil sign and Mobil identification and
- 24 marks, that their Mobil credit card could be accepted.

- 1 And the fact that they no longer accepted Mobil credit
- 2 cards at the Mobil site was viewed as a breach of the
- 3 Mobil agreement.
- 4 Q. Did you also have that understanding in June
- 5 of 2006?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 8 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 9 O. And what could the Delmar Mobil or I'll refer
- 10 to them as the entity that operates as BCG, Inc., or
- 11 Chesapeake Products & Services, do to remedy what you
- 12 and Sunoco perceived to be a breach?
- 13 A. Had they made the investment, whether it be
- 14 through JCV or any other contractor of their choice,
- 15 they had an obligation to make that necessary agreement
- 16 to continue to accept.
- 17 For approximately \$4,500, they have a
- 18 huge investment in the site and they actually, in some
- 19 of their correspondences that we went through today,
- 20 said that it took them four years to build the brand.
- 21 And part of the reason that they chose that brand was
- 22 the brand recognition of the customer and the Speedpass
- 23 and all those other things. And for \$4,000 they just
- 24 alienated a large segment of those Mobil customers who

- 1 they were targeting, who they were hoping to make their
- 2 customers.
- 3 Q. To your knowledge, did Delmar Mobil ever
- 4 remedy the breach that you and Sunoco perceived?
- 5 Α. No.
- In that e-mail or maybe another one, Doris 6 Q.
- 7 Love also tells you that they are not only breached,
- 8 but you cannot supply them Mobil branded product and
- 9 they need to de-identify the station.
- 10 Do you remember that?
- Yes. 11 Α.
- Did they ever de-identify the station at any 12
- 13 time in the year 2006?
- Off the top of my head, I don't know the date 14
- it was debranded, but we sold them Mobil product up 15
- 16 until the time that the Mobil signs came down.
- 17 Why did you continue to sell them Mobil
- 18 product until the -- let me back up a second before I
- 19 get to that question.
- 20 Do you know why the location wasn't
- 21 de-identified or debranded between the time you got
- 22 that e-mail from Dolores Love and the time it
- eventually was de-identified or debranded, which I 23
- 24 believe based on the documents we have seen today, was

- 1 January of 2007?
- 2 A. Yeah. I believe that we were still attempting
- 3 to resolve the issue, and through the additional
- 4 incentives that Dolores had offered, we were hoping
- 5 that we were going to be able to convince the dealers
- 6 to go to Sunoco. And we didn't want to sell them
- 7 anything other than Mobil while the Mobil sign was
- 8 being displayed.
- 9 Q. Did you ever tell Charlie or Billy Glenn that
- 10 they were in breach of their agreement for not having
- 11 purchased that equipment?
- 12 A. Yes, verbally and in writing.
- 13 Q. Did you tell them in June of 2006, after you
- 14 received Dolores' e-mail, that they needed to
- 15 de-identify the station?
- 16 A. I think we actually did it. I think that we
- 17 contacted them -- I think we sent them a written
- 18 correspondence, but we actually had Adam Gray, who was
- 19 our sales rep, call them in person first because we
- 20 didn't want to send a contractor down there to take the
- 21 signs down and have them tell the contractor to leave.
- 22 So we verbally contacted them first the day prior to,
- 23 and then they allowed our contractors to come out and
- 24 de-identify.

- 1 Q. And you are talking about the time they
- 2 eventually de-identified in January of 2007?
- 3 A. Yes. And we did it at our expense. We sent
- 4 our own contractors down to do it.
- 5 Q. I guess my question was a little different. I
- 6 was asking back in the summer of 2006 when Dolores Love
- 7 first informed you that Sunoco considered the retail
- 8 facility to be in breach and they were no longer able
- 9 to accept Mobil credit cards and told you that the
- 10 station should be de-identified, at that time, did you
- 11 take any steps to try to de-identify the station?
- 12 A. No, it wasn't an evolving process over a very
- 13 long period of time . We talked about it for months
- 14 and I think it was they are going to have to
- 15 de-identify or we are going to have to do this, but
- 16 there never really was a specific date, it had to be
- 17 done by a certain date until it actually happened.
- 18 Q. But at the time that they eventually did
- 19 de-identify, did you consider Delmar Mobil to still be
- 20 in breach of the Mobil agreement because of their
- 21 failure to purchase that equipment?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: Can you say it one more
- 24 time? I just want to be clear.

- 1 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 2 Q. Did the retail facility known as the Delmar
- 3 Mobil ever remedy the breach that you and Sunoco
- 4 identified as having occurred in June of 2006?
- 5 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 7 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 8 Q. So on the day that the Mobil station, the
- 9 Delmar Mobil was de-identified in January 2007, you
- 10 considered them to still be in breach of the credit
- 11 card provision of the Mobil agreement?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MR. STORM: Objection.
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 15 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 16 Q. Under Mr. Storm's questioning, you described
- 17 some of the conversations you had with the Glenns about
- 18 the alternatives.
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. One of which was that you could supply them
- 21 motor fuel through a different brand; correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And that might have been BP. I think we even
- 24 saw an e-mail from Dolores Love indicating that she

- 1 thought you would offer them BP?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. And if they chose to go to another brand, even
- 4 though it was supplied by Sweet Oil, was it your
- 5 understanding that the penalty due under the incentive
- 6 agreement would still have to be paid?
- 7 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- BY MR. YOUNG: 9
- 10 And that's because that change of brand would Q.
- be considered a debrand under the incentive agreement? 11
- 12 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- BY MR. YOUNG: 14
- What's your definition of the word, what do 15 Q.
- 16 you understand the word debrand to mean?
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Removal of anything on the
- 19 property that has the name, any trademarks, any
- 20 proprietary product names or specific colors. Any
- 21 identification signs or marks that relate to the
- 22 franchise.
- 23 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 24 Q. Would de-identifying the station be the same,

- 1 in your mind, as debranding the station?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 4 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 5 Q. And rebranding would just be de-identifying or
- 6 debranding and then putting in another brand, is that
- 7 fair to say?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you take a look at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 65.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. This is a letter to you from Charlie Glenn
- 12 dated March 15, 2006?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And it is telling you that you are no longer
- 15 authorized to EFT sweep any monies from any of
- 16 plaintiffs' checking accounts pertaining to the Laurel,
- 17 Delaware station; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you ever send a letter like this to Sunoco
- 20 at any time?
- 21 A. I don't believe so.
- 22 Q. Did you ever tell Sunoco at any time that it
- 23 was no longer authorized to EFT sweep any of your bank
- 24 accounts?

- 1 A. I don't know if we did or not.
- 2 Q. If you wanted to find out, what would you do
- 3 to find out?
- 4 A. I don't know if I could now. At the time, if
- 5 we were still in operation, I would go to our
- 6 controller, who ran the accounting department.
- 7 Q. Who was that?
- 8 A. John McTear.
- 9 Q. But you personally don't have a recollection
- 10 of having told Dolores Love or Dan Moore or Jeff Byard?
- 11 A. No, I don't believe so.
- 12 Q. Why did the Duck-In Mobil not convert to
- 13 Sunoco?
- 14 A. We actually offered them Sunoco and they were
- 15 going to go Sunoco. And the problem was that if the
- 16 Doughboy's location did not convert to Sunoco, we
- 17 didn't meet the minimum volume requirement, so we
- 18 actually had to go back to Duck-In and convince them to
- 19 do something else.
- 20 Q. It was your understanding that the way these
- 21 stations would be converted would be that because you
- 22 already had an existing Sunoco distributor branded
- 23 motor fuel agreement, that the conversion to the Sunoco
- 24 station would essentially mean that you and Sunoco

- 1 would continue under the Sunoco distributor agreement
- 2 and not the assigned Peninsula agreement; correct?
- 3 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 4 THE WITNESS: The Tosco Peninsula
- 5 agreement had expired. The only agreement we actually
- 6 had was the Sunoco agreement.
- 7 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 8 Q. How were you able to sell Mobil branded
- 9 product to Delmar Mobil up through January of 2007?
- 10 A. The way it was explained to us was that there
- 11 was -- they contemplated some rider, which I don't know
- 12 that we ever signed, but it was going to transfer the
- 13 Mobil gallons to our Sunoco jobber agreement until they
- 14 were converted to Sunoco.
- 15 Q. Was it your understanding that the Peninsula
- 16 agreement was extended on a month-to-month basis after
- 17 September 30th, 2005?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did Sunoco ever tell you that that agreement
- 20 had expired and Sunoco was no longer honoring it?
- 21 A. At the time that we were negotiating to buy
- 22 Peninsula's business, they were given notice by Sunoco
- 23 that it was not going to be renewed again and they were
- 24 trying to, I believe they were trying to get Peninsula

- 1 to go to a Sunoco agreement. And at the time we came
- 2 into the picture, I guess they backed off pressure on
- 3 Peninsula because we had an existing Sunoco agreement
- 4 already. And I think that that was the end result that
- 5 they were hoping to gain anyway, was to have a Sunoco
- 6 agreement in place.
- 7 But it's your understanding that you had the
- 8 right to purchase Mobil branded fuel from Sunoco from
- 9 October 1st, 2005, up until February of 2007?
- 10 Α. Through our Sunoco agreement, yes.
- And it's your understanding that that right 11 Ο.
- derived through the Sunoco distributed branded motor 12
- 13 fuel agreement?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- The one dated March 21st, 2003? 15 Q.
- 16 Α. I believe so.
- 17 And where did you get that understanding? Q.
- 18 That's the way it was explained to me at the Α.
- 19 time we were doing the assignment, that we were going
- 20 to have assignment of Peninsula's agreement until it
- 21 expired on the 30th of September, 2005, at which time
- 22 there was supposed to be an amendment created that
- 23 would transfer those gallons to our Sunoco agreement.
- 24 Q. Did you ever see such an amendment?

- 1 A. To the best of my knowledge, it was never
- 2 issued. It was never signed. But that's how the
- 3 process was explained to me.
- 4 Q. Who explained that process to you?
- 5 A. It would have been Dolores Love.
- 6 Q. Anybody else?
- 7 A. I don't believe so, but it's three years ago.
- 8 I'm not sure.
- 9 Q. Did you ever sign a mutual cancellation
- 10 agreement of the Mobil branded distributor agreement?
- 11 A. No. It just expired.
- 12 Q. Would you look at Exhibit 44.
- 13 You just explained to me your
- 14 understanding as of the time you signed the assignment
- 15 and assumption agreement in August or September of 2005
- 16 when the process was going to take place. I would like
- 17 you to take a look at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 44, which is
- 18 Mr. Byard's letter dated November 2nd, 2006.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. In this letter, is it fair to say that the Re
- 21 line says Nonrenewal of Mobil Branded Distributor
- 22 Agreement?
- 23 Did I read that correctly?
- 24 A. That's what it says.

- 1 Q. That's a reference, is it not, to the Mobil
- 2 agreement that was assigned to you by Peninsula;
- 3 correct?
- 4 A. I don't know if I took it to mean that
- 5 specific agreement or the successor to that agreement,
- 6 which allowed us to continue to supply Mobil.
- 7 Q. What is the successor -- before I ask you that
- 8 question, would you read the first sentence of that
- 9 letter?
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. It references the Mobil branded distributor
- 12 agreement dated September 18th, 2000, between Peninsula
- 13 Oil and Tosco Refining LP, which agreement was assigned
- 14 to Sunoco by ConocoPhillips on or about April 28th,
- 15 2004, and was assigned to you by Peninsula on or about
- 16 September 15th, 2005.
- 17 Did I read that correctly?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Isn't that the agreement, the Mobil agreement,
- 20 isn't he referring to the Mobil agreement that was
- 21 assigned to you by Peninsula on September 15th, 2005?
- 22 A. I believe it is, yes.
- Q. And then he goes on to state in the next
- 24 sentence, "This agreement by its terms expired

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September 30, 2005, and has been extended on a 1

- 2 month-to-month basis since then."
- 3 Did I read that correctly?
- Α. Yes, you read it correctly.
- 5 Q. Was that your understanding of what occurred?
- 6 Α. No.
- 7 After you signed the assignment and assumption
- 8 agreement with Peninsula and on or about
- 9 September 15th, 2005, did anyone from Sunoco after that
- 10 tell you what was going to happen or what the process
- 11 was with regards to what agreement would be effective
- 12 for Mobil sales?
- 13 Yes. What was supposed to happen, the way it Α.
- 14 was outlined to us, was that we were going to sign the
- assignment of --15
- 16 Ο. Can I stop right there?
- 17 Α. Sure.
- 18 I understand you explained to me what the Q.
- 19 process was supposed to be before you signed the
- 20 assumption and assignment agreement.
- 21 My question is now after you signed the
- 22 assignment and assumption agreement, now you stepped in
- 23 the shoes of Peninsula Oil, did anyone from Sunoco
- 24 after that date tell you what the process would be?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. Who?
- 3 A. We worked with Dolores Love in an attempt to
- 4 develop a schedule to convert these locations from
- 5 Mobil over to Sunoco and as we discussed previously,
- 6 prior to signing that amendment, it was contemplated
- 7 that those gallons would then be transferred to our
- 8 Sunoco agreement and this Mobil agreement was going to
- 9 be allowed to expire and we would conduct business
- 10 under our Sunoco agreement for Mobil business until
- 11 such time as the Mobil gallons became Sunoco gallons.
- 12 Q. Between September 15th, 2005, and
- 13 November 2nd, 2006, did you ever receive a letter from
- 14 Sunoco telling you that it was non-renewing the Mobil
- 15 branded distributor agreement?
- 16 A. No, it wasn't put to us that it would renew.
- 17 It was put to us that it was going to expire.
- 18 Q. Did you ever receive a letter from Sunoco sent
- 19 pursuant to its obligations under the Petroleum
- 20 Marketing Practices Act informing you that Sunoco was
- 21 non-renewing the Mobil branded distributor agreement?
- 22 A. I don't know that it would even be possible
- 23 because PMPA requires greater than 30 days' notice and
- 24 the agreement at the time we signed it was due to

- 1 expire in 30 days.
- Q. Whether or not it was possible or not, did
- 3 Sunoco, to your knowledge, did Sunoco ever send you a
- 4 letter purporting to attempt to non-renew the Mobil
- 5 branded distributor agreement prior to Plaintiffs'
- 6 Exhibit 44?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Who in your organization would you ask to find
- 9 out the answer to that question?
- 10 A. Well, this letter was addressed to Bill Sweet.
- 11 It would have gone to one of the principals of the
- 12 company.
- 13 Q. You are not here as a representative of the
- 14 company.
- MR. HUTCHISON: Yes, he is.
- 16 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 17 Q. As representative of the company, do you know
- 18 whether you received such a letter?
- 19 A. As a representative of the company, I don't
- 20 know that we did.
- 21 Q. So you would ask Mr. Sweet if you wanted to
- 22 find out the answer to that question?
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I would ask my two

- 1 partners, the other two principals in the company, if
- 2 either of them had seen one.
- 3 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 4 Q. If Sunoco had sent such a letter, would you
- 5 expect it to exist within the Sweet Oil or GLeS
- 6 organization as it exists today?
- 7 A. If it had existed at the time, regardless of
- 8 which principal that it would have been addressed to,
- 9 I'm sure that all three principals would have received
- 10 copies of it.
- 11 Q. Do you think it would still exist within Sweet
- 12 Oil's possession today?
- 13 A. I don't know that it ever existed.
- 14 MR. YOUNG: I'd make a request on the
- 15 record at least that it be produced if it exists, if
- 16 you determine that exists.
- 17 MR. HUTCHISON: This is a letter from
- 18 Sunoco?
- 19 MR. YOUNG: Any letter prior to
- 20 November 2nd, 2006 purporting to terminate or to
- 21 non-renew, that expresses Sunoco's intention to
- 22 non-renew the Mobil branded distributor agreement
- 23 written pursuant to the Petroleum Marketing Practices
- 24 Act.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I know that they definitely
- 2 sent us non-renewal mutual cancellations for the
- 3 Coastal and Sunoco agreements, but I don't recall ever
- 4 seeing a letter for the Mobil agreement.
- 5 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 6 Q. You don't recall ever having signed a mutual
- 7 cancellation agreement for the Mobil branded
- 8 distributor agreement?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. No, you don't recall or no, you didn't sign
- 11 one?
- 12 A. No, I didn't sign one. I signed the Coastal
- 13 and the Sunoco agreement.
- 14 Q. In answering that question, you're speaking on
- 15 behalf of the corporation Sweet Oil; correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Were you supplying the Duck-In #2 Mobil with
- 18 product up until you sold the assets to GPM?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And after January of 2007, what brand of motor
- 21 fuel did you sell to the Duck-In Mobil?
- 22 A. For a period of time between when Sunoco told
- 23 us to stop supplying him Mobil and our closing with
- 24 GPM, they were unbranded, they had no brand, and then

- 1 GPM later branded them -- I'm not sure if it was Valero
- 2 or Exxon. I'm not sure. I know GPM has branded them
- 3 since, but I don't know what it is now.
- 4 Q. Did you de-identify the Duck-In Mobil?
- 5 A. Yes, we de-identified all three Mobils.
- 6 Q. Were they all done at the same time?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. So roughly January/early February 2007?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And when you said you de-identified all of
- 11 them, you physically went in or your contractors
- 12 physically went in and removed all indicia of the Mobil
- 13 trademark, tradename, correct?
- 14 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 15 MR. YOUNG: Why don't we take a break. I
- 16 think we are just about finished.
- 17 (Recess.)
- 18 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 19 Q. Mr. Greco, in response to some of Mr. Storm's
- 20 questioning, he asked you about the offers that you
- 21 made to the plaintiffs to change their brands; correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And one of them was if they didn't convert to
- 24 Sunoco, you offered the other brands that you could

- 1 offer, such as Exxon, BP, CITGO?
- 2 Α. Correct.
- 3 If I understand your testimony correctly, did
- you offer to them that if they accepted one of the
- 5 brands that you offered and continued to purchase
- through you, that you would pay the penalty to Sunoco? 6
- 7 As part of rebranding, we agreed that we would
- 8 absorb that cost, yes.
- 9 Ο. Why did you do that?
- A. 10 As incentive to get them to continue to stay
- with us. 11
- And it was your understanding that if they 12
- chose not to go to Sunoco, that the penalty would have 13
- to be paid? 14
- MR. HUTCHISON: Objection. 15
- 16 THE WITNESS: It was our understanding
- that it was their obligation, but if we could continue 17
- 18 to supply them, whether it be Sunoco or any other
- 19 brand, then we would be -- we were willing at that
- 20 time, and we made them an offer in writing, to pay that
- 21 expense on their behalf.
- BY MR. YOUNG: 22
- It was your understanding that under the 23 Q.
- 24 dealer agreement you had with Delmar Mobil or BCG,

- 1 Inc., and Chesapeake Products & Services, that if they
- 2 chose not to go with Sunoco and went with another
- 3 brand, that that penalty would be due?
- 4 MR. HUTCHISON: Objection.
- 5 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 6 Q. Under the Tosco distributor incentive program?
- 7 MR. HUTCHISON: Same objection.
- 8 THE WITNESS: It was my understanding
- 9 that if they were no longer Mobil or Sunoco, as
- 10 successor to Mobil, that that money would have to be
- 11 paid back by them.
- 12 BY MR. YOUNG:
- 13 Q. To you?
- 14 A. To you.
- 15 Q. Under your agreement to you; correct?
- 16 A. Yeah. The agreement that was assigned to us
- 17 from Peninsula stated that any obligation that we had
- 18 to pay you would be reimbursed by them. So ultimately
- 19 it would be their expense.
- 20 Q. Ultimately. But in looking at the particulars
- 21 of the contractual relationships, that penalty would be
- 22 due under your dealer agreement with them; correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- MR. YOUNG: That's all I have.

- 1 MR. HUTCHISON: Anything else?
- MR. STORM: Yes, a couple.
- 3 BY MR. STORM:
- 4 Q. This issue about the credit card processing in
- 5 June, that came to a head in June of 2006, did that
- 6 involve what's known generally as electronic point of
- 7 sale equipment?
- 8 A. Yeah. The point of sale equipment is the cash
- 9 register or whatever processor that, whether the card
- 10 is accepted inside or outside at the pump, it processes
- 11 through the point of sale.
- 12 Q. So it is part of that whole generic point of
- 13 sale equipment?
- 14 A. Well, it's not generic. Every manufacturer
- 15 makes different types and --
- 16 Q. When I was talking about generic, I was
- 17 talking about, when we are talking about electronic
- 18 point of sale equipment, this would be a part of that,
- 19 or not?
- 20 A. I'm not sure if I follow exactly the question.
- 21 If you are using point of sale as just a broad term as
- 22 any type or any manufacturer, then yes.
- Q. Did you ever offer to pay for that, the
- 24 \$4,500?

- 1 Α. I don't believe we did, no.
- Ο. And you didn't undertake to install it; right?
- 3 Α. No.
- Ο. Let me direct your attention to the
- 5 distributor agreement, the Tosco distributor agreement,
- 6 Exhibit 8. Page 16 of that agreement, Paragraph 15 (B)
- says, "Distributor shall install or cause to be 7
- 8 installed approved electronic point of sale equipment
- 9 at the stations for the processing of credit card and
- 10 debit card transactions."
- Do you see that? 11
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 You never did that, did you, at this site? Q.
- 14 Α. This contract preceded us.
- I understand. But this was the contract that 15 Q.
- 16 was assigned to you by Peninsula, was it not?
- 17 Yes. At the time that this contract was
- signed, whether by Peninsula or the dealer, by some 18
- method, there was an approved POS installed at the 19
- 20 site, which operated from 2002 until this end of life
- 21 issue occurred.
- 22 And who had installed that? Q.
- Again, it happened many years before we came 23
- 24 into the picture.

- 1 Q. But at some point you are notified by Sunoco
- 2 that this site has to have revised POS equipment?
- 3 Α. The notices actually came in the beginning
- 4 from ExxonMobil, and they came from ExxonMobil to
- 5 Peninsula prior to us and eventually to us and then
- 6 additional notices from Sunoco to us.
- 7 But my client didn't have any agreement with
- ExxonMobil, did it, as related to that site at Delmar? 8
- 9 I don't believe so.
- 10 Ο. And you didn't either, for that matter, you
- had an agreement with or Peninsula had an agreement 11
- with Tosco; right? 12
- 13 Correct. Α.
- 14 Is it normal practice for distributor
- 15 agreements like this, meaning Exhibit 8, for there to
- 16 be a schedule of sites and the schedule gets modified
- 17 over the years as sites get added or deleted?
- 18 All sites have to be approved by the oil
- 19 companies. Generally what gets modified is the volume
- 20 schedule, how many gallons and where it is coming from.
- 21 And the company then has to authorize, for Q.
- 22 example, if you were going to go to Sunoco with a
- 23 proposed site, Sunoco would have to approve that site
- 24 and then that site would get added as a site that was

- included in your distributor agreement?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Was there a fee that was associated with the
- 6 Mobil sites for a monthly fee related to the processing
- 7 of cards?
- 8 A. There's a transaction fee, but I don't know if
- 9 there's a monthly fee. I'm not sure exactly what you
- 10 are asking.
- 11 Q. Here is what I am trying to figure out. If
- 12 you go back to the end of this exhibit, starting at
- 13 Page 47, there's something called maintenance and
- 14 information services agreement for electronic point of
- 15 sale terminal and related equipment.
- MR. HUTCHISON: Now you are talking about
- 17 Bates stamp 47?
- MR. STORM: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. STORM:
- 20 Q. It identifies the parties as Tosco, Peninsula
- 21 Oil as the system user; okay?
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. And then attached to that is an Exhibit A,
- 24 which identifies certain of the locations, and I quess

- 1 those were the locations that were already in place
- with Peninsula at the time that this agreement was
- 3 signed back in October of 2000.
- Do you see that?
- 5 Α. Okay.
- 6 Q. And included there is Deluxe Dairy, which I
- guess was the location we talked about earlier; right? 7
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 Ο. And Duck-In #2?
- 10 Α. Right.
- Millsboro Mobil, Berlin Uncle Willie's and 11 Q.
- 12 Laurel Uncle Willie's; right?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- 14 Those, I guess, were sites that were operated
- by Uncle Willie that Peninsula operated directly? 15
- 16 Α. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Right?
- I don't know if they operated directly or 18
- 19 through dealers or what method?
- 20 It talks about an EPOS fee of 140 a month for
- 21 owned equipment and 75 a month for leased equipment.
- 22 Do you see that?
- 23 Yes. Α.
- 24 Q. And was that charged to those sites, do you

- 1 know?
- 2 Α. I don't know.
- 3 Because what I'm confused about is under 3.1, Q.
- 4 going back to Page 47, it says that Tosco agrees to
- 5 maintain the Tosco authorized equipment set forth in
- 6 Exhibit A for use by system user to access the Tosco
- 7 EPOS program at the marketing premises and that the
- 8 system user will pay the rate, the services rate set
- forth in Section 3.3, and the system user agrees that 9
- 10 Attachment A may be amended from time to time by Tosco.
- Do you see that? 11
- 12 Α. I think what this is talking about, and I'm
- 13 not sure -- I wasn't a party to this agreement at the
- 14 time, but it appears that this is a fee for Tosco-owned
- equipment or Tosco equipment that's leased to the 15
- 16 dealer. At this location, the dealer happens to own
- 17 his own equipment, so this doesn't really apply.
- 18 Wasn't there an EPOS fee, though, for owned or
- 19 leased equipment that was like an access fee?
- 20 There may have been a VSAT rental fee or
- something like that, but not an EPOS fee. 21
- 22 If you go to 5.3 it says, "Notwithstanding
- 23 Section 5.1, this agreement shall automatically
- 24 terminate," and then it goes to subpart B, "in the

- 1 event system user" -- meaning Peninsula -- "elects not
- 2 to participate in the Tosco credit debit card program
- 3 at the marketing premises."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So this certainly seems to imply that the
- 7 system user has that election to participate or not
- 8 participate?
- 9 A. I guess that's possible, yes.
- 10 Q. Was this part of the agreement, do you know,
- 11 that was assigned to you by Peninsula?
- 12 A. Yes. This agreement was assigned to us -- now
- 13 wait a minute. No, I don't believe it is. It says the
- 14 term of this agreement was to go through September 30th
- 15 of 2010. We didn't take any agreement that went
- 16 through 2010. Our agreement expired in September of
- 17 2005.
- 18 Q. Well, if you look back -- actually that's an
- 19 interesting question also, because if you look back at
- 20 the page that's Bates stamped 07 of this same exhibit,
- 21 distributor had one additional renewal term commencing
- 22 on 10-1, 2005 and ending on 9-30, 2010, provided, and
- 23 then it goes on, and has provided that the agreement,
- 24 distributor shall not have been previously non-renewed.

- 1 Distributor shall prior to commencement execute Tosco's
- 2 then current Mobil branded distributor agreement. Do
- 3 you see that?
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. A Mobil branded distributor agreement wasn't
- 6 offered to you to continue after 2005, was it?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Mr. Young asked you a couple questions about
- 9 the debranding of the site, and my clients had actually
- 10 inquired of you in April of 2006 pursuant to
- 11 Exhibit 24, had they not, asking when do you intend to
- 12 remove the Mobil brand from our Delmar location?
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. And then I think they asked you that again on
- 15 May 22nd, pursuant to Exhibit 32, when do you intend to
- 16 remove the Mobil brand, do you see that?
- 17 A. On May 22nd? What exhibit number is that?
- 18 Q. That's 32.
- 19 A. Yes, both of these letters came from Charlie,
- 20 and I believe during this same time I was still
- 21 negotiating with Bill for furnishing him information
- 22 from Sunoco with fee schedules and satellite fees and
- 23 whatever else was involved in the potential conversion.
- 24 So the reason that it wasn't scheduled is because we

1	were still talking to them about the possibility of
2	converting.
3	MR. STORM: I think that's all I have.
4	MR. HUTCHISON: Nothing.
5	COURT REPORTER: Reading and signing?
6	MR. HUTCHISON: Yes, we will read and
7	sign.
8	(Witness excused.)
9	(The deposition concluded at 5:10 p.m.
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